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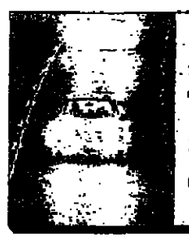
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Tory warning on yielding to Europe

We speak for majority now, says Blair

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR declared yesterday that Labour now spoke for the majority in Britain as Conservative chiefs stepped up their warnings that internal splits would pave the way for his entry to Downing Street.

The Labour leader attacked the "feeble" leadership of John Major and his Cabinet. He capitalised on a disastrous year for the Government to claim that Labour was now the mainstream political party. Labour was back as the "people's party," he said.

His claim that Labour had captured the centre ground was delivered in an upbeat new year message. It came as Jeremy Hanley, the Conservative Party chairman, reinforced the Prime Minister's threat that European splits could "destroy our party from within" and as the Euro-rebels remained unrepentant over their revolt that deprived the Government of its majority.

Mr Hanley said that Labour in Government would hand more power to Brussels, the danger feared by Tory sceptics. "The rebels' actions are actually bringing that prospect closer," he said.

After Mr Blair issued his message Mr Hanley replied with one of his own declaring that Labour should not "count their chickens" and that the past "casts a long shadow over Labour ambitions". He released a document titled *Shadows from the Past*, purporting to show the left-wing sympathies of members of the Shadow Cabinet.

The Tory chairman was, however, again preoccupied with divisions in his own party. Interviewed on the BBC *Today* programme he insisted that the great majority of the party was united. "The party is united apart from a small number of people who have decided on a matter of confidence not to support the Conservative Party. That is something that is very regrettable indeed," he said.

"I hope that by their actions they can come back and join the party, but there are 321 MPs in the Conservative Party who are following the Government at this moment. They will continue to do so and they want to be joined by those others who decided not to support us."

The Tory Euro-rebels seemed unimpressed by Mr Major's latest appeal for unity and his claim that a Tory party speaking with one voice could be "invincible".

Nicholas Budgen, one of the nine who have had the whip withdrawn, said: "It is not the eight or nine people who had the misfortune to fall out with the Government and be kicked out of the party who are damaging the party. The fact is that we are alleged to be a nuisance because so many people agree with us. If, for the sake of argument, we were just in favour of saying the world was flat no one would take any notice of us at all."

Another, Sir Teddy Taylor, said: "The real tragedy is that the parliamentary party appears to be out of touch with its supporters in the constituencies and also with the majority of the general public. Mr Major could not only unite the party but also have a much better chance of winning if he would identify the real issues in Europe and take a strongly Euro-sceptic line on them."

A third, Tony Marlow, said: "He is the leader of the party and it is up to him to prevent the party tearing itself apart. He knows the feelings of the people, he knows the feelings of the Conservative Party. It is up to him to harness those feelings to the necessary policies."

John Townend, senior backbencher and chairman of the Tory finance committee, said the issue of Europe should be put on the back burner for the sake of unity. "If we are going to be a united party we have all got to be in the same party and the sooner the rebels are back inside, the better," he said.

Mr Blair claimed that Labour "is back as the people's

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SOUTH WEST NEWS



Melanie, the university student who crashed after being terrorised on the M6

Woman forced off motorway after pursuit by angry driver

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

A WOMAN driver described yesterday how she crashed at 70mph on the M6 motorway after being terrorised for ten minutes by a lone male motorist in what police called an extreme example of motoring aggression. "We have a bloody lunatic at large," said Inspector John Bennett of Cheshire police.

Police have appealed to the public to help them to track down the man who terrorised the 20-year-old student. She was driving her red Peugeot 309 in the centre lane when the car, believed to be a Volvo, came up behind her with its headlights flashing.

She moved over to allow it to pass. Instead of overtaking, however, the car travelled alongside her for half-a-mile at 70mph. The man behind the wheel then again pulled in behind here car and shadowed her.

After another mile he overtook and swerved sharply in front of her, and braked suddenly. The woman swerved out of his way, lost control and struck the central barrier.

Her car spun back across the carriageway and into a ditch. She crashed through a wooden boundary fence and ended upside-down. She escaped with minor bruises and a slight whiplash injury.

"At first I just thought it was someone impatient to get home, but then he started lurching across the road and pressurising me," said the woman, who asked that she should be identified only as Melanie. She is a second-year student at university in Preston, Lancashire. "I went faster and then slower but, whatever I did, he just stuck with me.

"I was terrified and felt terribly alone. There were hardly any other vehicles on the road and I wondered what he might do. I had to keep going because, if I had stopped, there's no saying what might have happened.

"I tried desperately to keep the car under control, but it started spinning across the motorway . . . I thought I was going to die. I was amazed when I opened my eyes to find myself still alive. It shocks me that anyone can be that cruel to a lone woman driver."

The woman, who is receiving physiotherapy, was at her father's farm in Taunton, Somerset, yesterday. The accident happened on Monday, November 28.

The police know part of the registration number and have used their national computer to try to find the car. The "C"-registered car has the digits 3, 5 and 9 on its number plate, but their order is unknown.

A couple travelling behind the woman stopped to help and gave a statement to police. They confirmed that they had seen headlights flashing ahead of them and saw a white saloon car overtake the Peugeot before the crash.

The incident highlights the phenomenon of driver rage, which occupies much police time. "It's not an isolated incident," said Inspector Bennett. "We do get regular complaints from motorists about the driving of their peers."

Motorists being bothered by nuisance drivers are advised to stop at the next service area or pull off the motorway and drive to the nearest garage. They should park somewhere well-lit and call for help.

But Inspector Bennett acknowledged that the woman would be too frightened to use the police telephones on the hard shoulder. "It is a good case for a car phone," he said, "but with a car phone you have to know where you are."

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50 feared dead in plane crash

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

MORE than 50 people are feared dead after a Boeing 737 crashed into a mountain in a snowstorm in Turkey yesterday. At least 40 people died and 21 were injured when the jet crashed near the eastern city of Van, an official said.

Murat Ozkan, Van's Deputy Governor, said that the remaining 15 people on board the Turkish Airlines aircraft, on a domestic flight from Ankara, were missing.

Most of the 69 passengers were members of the Turkish security forces based in the region, but included two babies, according to the Anatolia news agency.

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Carer arrested after alert over cancer patient's death

BY LUCY BERRINGTON

A PROFESSIONAL carer was arrested yesterday after the death of an elderly woman she had visited in hospital. Police said that medical equipment at the patient's bedside had been tampered with.

Kathleen Corfield, aged 71 and terminally ill with lung cancer, died shortly after police were called to Southampton General Hospital early yesterday. A young woman who had been visiting the patient was detained in the grounds by hospital staff.

Last night detectives were questioning the woman, whose identity was not released, at Southampton central police station. She left the hospital soon after midnight, having spent several hours with Mrs Corfield on a general ward.

When nursing staff went to check on Mrs Corfield, a retired civil servant widowed about ten years ago, they noticed that a morphine drip had been tampered with. They immediately put out an alert and the visitor, 33, was arrested and held overnight at a police station. The woman was not a relative of Mrs Corfield, who had been in hospital for about two weeks, or a hospital employee. It is understood that she lived locally and cared for Mrs Corfield at home on a professional basis, though she was not employed by the local authority. She had visited Mrs Corfield in hospital regularly and was known to the nurses.

A post-mortem examination was carried out late yesterday by a Home Office pathologist with inconclusive results. Blood and tissue samples were sent away for tests.

Detective Superintendent Pete Long, leading the inquiry, said he could not rule out that Mrs Corfield died as a result of an overdose. "The woman we are questioning worked as a home help for Mrs Corfield and had cared for her for the past five months. It has been very difficult interviewing her. She is very distressed and was clearly very fond of Mrs Corfield," he said.

"The only thing that was clear from the post mortem was the terrible state of this poor woman's cancer. It was very advanced." Detective Superintendent Long previously investigated the case against Dr Nigel Cox who gave a lethal dose of potassium chloride to a patient in acute pain and was convicted of manslaughter by a tearful jury two years ago.

Mrs Corfield had lived in a semi-detached house in the Shirley area of Southampton for nearly 30 years. Sylvia Mortimore, a friend and neighbour, said Mrs Corfield was an intelligent woman with an alert mind but her physical health had deteriorated dramatically in the past few years. She was almost blind and had lost her confidence after breaking her hip.

"In the end her life was very sad. She sat in her front room looking at four walls. Her only pleasure in life was sitting and listening to the television as she could not watch it," Mrs Mortimore said.

Dr Harry Millward-Sadler, medical director of Southampton General Hospital, said the hospital was carrying out an inquiry and security arrangements were being reviewed.

Chechen leader offers talks

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN GROZNY

PRESIDENT DUDAYEV, the rebel Chechen leader, said yesterday that he was ready to hold talks with Moscow as Russian forces launched repeated bombing attacks on Grozny, the capital of the breakaway republic.

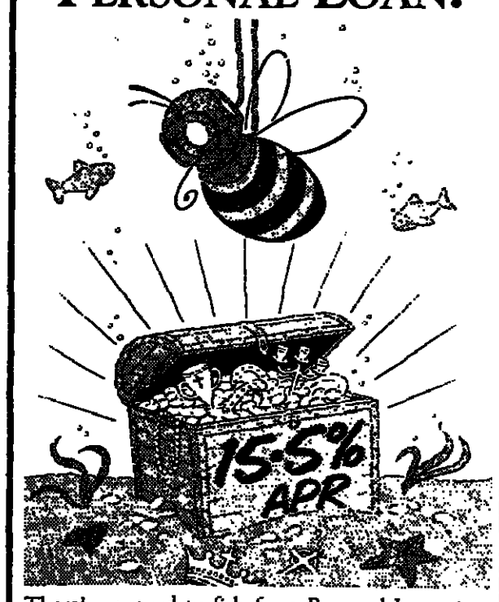
He was reported to have told President Yeltsin in a telegram that he would be prepared to hold talks "at the level of Chernomyrdin" (the Russian Prime Minister).

Mr Dudayev has said that he is ready for talks several times since the conflict began almost three weeks ago but each time he has subsequently stipulated that Moscow's troops pull out before any talks start.

Yesterday Pavel Grachev, the Russian Defence Minister, said that troops would push deep into Grozny, making it clear for the first time that soldiers would not just blockade the city. As Russian warplanes strafed Chechen positions around the city, an oil refinery was hit.

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Out of the frying pan, into the non-stick trousers

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE well of human ingenuity has not run dry: Teflon trousers are about to make their debut in London.

The non-stick trousers, said to resist accidental spills, are made by Farah, a fashion house famous for its slacks. "It's amazing," a Farah spokeswoman said. "Everything you throw at them they repel. I have heard of people throwing curry and spaghetti on them to no avail."

The breakthrough in trouser technology has been made possible by a new process for bonding Teflon to the fabric to form an invisible, colourless, odourless and durable film. The chemical companies Ciba and Du Pont, owners of the Teflon trademark, have developed the fabric protector for use in clothing and to keep water and stains off awnings and garden upholstery. The stain-free trousers are already on sale in America and will cost about £40 a pair in Britain.

Not only does the fabric protector repel liquids and stains, but it is said to shrug off dust and grease. It does not affect the way the fabric handles, its colour or its "breathability".

Teflon was invented by accident in 1938 by Roy J. Plunkett, a Du Pont chemist. He was looking for a new refrigerator coolant by heating the gas tetrafluorethylene when he discovered it had formed a white powder. Since then Teflon has been used in frying pans, space suits, electrical insulation and medical implants.

The new material is not the first time it has been used in clothing. Gore-Tex, a waterproof fabric made by a Delaware company, W. L. Gore, consists of a fine network of Teflon, with pores too small to allow water droplets to penetrate.

Ministers asked to reconsider £61m grant

Taiwan fraud claim puts £157m Irish project in jeopardy

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE future of a £157 million Taiwanese investment project in Northern Ireland was in doubt last night when ministers were pressed to reconsider the offer of a £61 million government grant after allegations of fraud.

Oung Ta-Ming, the chairman, and 33 senior executives of the Taiwanese textiles company Hualon, which had been offered a subsidy to set up a factory in Belfast, have been indicted over a shares scandal. Ministers were non-committal yesterday over plans to give the grant, saying they would keep a close watch on court proceedings in Taiwan.

There were suggestions yesterday that ministers' enthusiasm for the project was waning amid growing fears that the Government could face a repeat of the De Lorean debacle. More than £80 million of taxpayers' money was lost after the US car manufacturer's Northern Ireland factory closed.

The Government has come under strong pressure from the British textile industry, which has taken its case to the European Court of Justice, claiming that the subsidy will give the Taiwanese company an unfair advantage.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, would not commit the Government to the project yesterday and emphasised that no money had changed hands. "At the moment the thing is on hold. The company has received nothing and it will not until it has taken the first step itself, but this matter has been taken to the European Court of Justice and there we shall wait to see what happens.

"Naturally, we are anxious to secure jobs where possible on a sound and reliable basis in areas of high unemployment and that is where this Hualon Group's proposed factory would be," he said on BBC Radio 4.

Baroness Denton, the Northern Ireland industry minister, has asked to be kept informed of developments in the scheme under which Hualon promised to generate 1,800 jobs over 10 years at Mallusk, on the outskirts of Belfast.

John Spellar, Labour's Northern Ireland industry spokesman, said the fraud charges were simply the latest of a series of question marks to be raised over the Hualon proposal. "This is a matter of considerable concern which ministers should be looking at urgently before any more funds are actually committed," he said.

He stopped short of demanding withdrawal of the grant because of the fraud charges. Mr Spellar added: "There are a number of companies where individuals involved may not behave properly but that does not mean the company is not being well-run."

The Northern Ireland Industrial Development Board, which masterminded the deal, was seeking further details through its Taiwan office. "We are trying to find out more about the situation and whether it has any effect on the Northern Ireland plans," a spokesman said.

☐ A bumper year for Irish tourism is on the cards as a result of peace in Northern Ireland, Bord Failte predicted yesterday when it announced a big increase in tourist figures. More than 3.6 million tourists visited Ireland thise year, a rise of 11 per cent on last year's figures, according to preliminary statistics from the tourist board.

They contributed more than IR$1.1 billion to the Irish economy, 11.8 per cent more than last year. Bord Failte is expecting those figures to rise even higher next year as a result of the IRA and loyalist ceasefires and a multimillion-pound advertising and promotional campaign.

Mayhew presses for disarmament before full talks

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY



Sir Patrick: cautious about peace process

THE Government will insist next month that there must be "substantial progress" towards disarming paramilitaries in Northern Ireland before full peace talks can begin in the Province.

As government officials prepare for exploratory talks next month with Sinn Fein and loyalist groups, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, said that the method of disposing of guns had yet to be decided.

But although the issue of arms will be important, the Government accepts that the surrender of weapons will not be a pre-condition of formal talks. Sir Patrick said: "Sinn Fein and other organisations connected with paramilitary organisations cannot hope to be admitted to these talks unless and until, among other things, substantial progress has been made towards the decommissioning of arms."

The Rev Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party demanded that the Government insist on the weapons being surrendered rather than decommissioned. The Labour Party, meanwhile, revealed that it had held its own exploratory talks with Sinn Fein and planned meetings with loyalist paramilitary groups. Sinn Fein's 90-minute meeting with Paul Murphy, Labour's junior Northern Ireland spokesman, was the first official encounter with a member of the party's frontbench team.

Despite the widespread optimism about peace, Sir Patrick remains cautious about rapid progress, saying only: "It is a peace that gets stronger with every day that passes and with every week that passes — we are in a far better position that we were a year ago."

In another move yesterday, the SDLP accepted an invitation for formal talks from the Ulster Democratic Party. The talks are seen as another tactic to marginalise the Democratic Unionist Party in the run-up to the next general election.

DENZIL McNEELANCE



The No 109 bus which drove into the back of another bus and shunted it 50 yards

Buses collide in Whitehall and injure passengers

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

TWO London buses crashed in Whitehall yesterday, injuring 14 people. Passengers trapped on the top deck of one bus had to escape by climbing down a ladder. The accident happened as James Watson, driver of a Routemaster No 12 bus, made a courtesy stop for a passenger who had rung the bell too late.

The bus behind, No 109, crashed into the back of Mr Watson's vehicle, which was shunted forward. "I heard a terrific bang from behind which pushed me 50 yards down the road," Mr Watson said. The back of his bus and the front of the other were crushed. Much of the impact was taken by the front bus's staircase. About 18 passengers, including foreign tourists, were trapped upstairs.

The accident happened between Horse Guards Parade, where the guard was about to change, and the Ministry of Defence buildings opposite. Mr Watson, 33, who has been driving buses for 10 years, said the long hours worked by London bus drivers caused great stress, but the union was too weak to improve them. "It's a miracle that nobody was killed," he said. "If somebody had been standing on the back stairs they would have been crushed." Both drivers passed a routine breath test. Alison Sylvester, who was upstairs on the No 12, said: "It sounded really loud. The back window smashed in. We were all hurled forward and fell into the aisle." Downstairs, passengers panicked when the No 12 began hurtling forward after being hit. Jane Vella, a newspaper copytaker, said: "One minute I was sitting there, the next I was pushed forward. Everyone was screaming. Everything was just hanging and there was glass all over."



Rear of the No 12 after the accident

An air ambulance took some of the injured to St Thomas's Hospital. Eight women and six men, including both drivers, were treated for minor injuries.

South London Transport, which operates the 109 service, denied that excessive hours could be a factor in the crash. "This driver had just come back from a four-day holiday," Bob Scowen, a director of the company, said.

UK near to South African navy deal

Britain is close to winning an order to build corvettes for the South African navy to upgrade a fleet which has been badly run down during decades of an international arms embargo. Armscor, South Africa's state arms procurement agency, has announced that only Yarrow Shipbuilders of Scotland or the state-owned Bazan yard in Spain are still being considered for the contract.

It has turned down tenders by DCNI of France — which offered to include a submarine in its package — the German Frigate Consortium and the Danish firm Svendborg which had been considered by defence analysts to be the favourite contender. A final decision on awarding the contract will be taken in the New Year and would depend on the defence budget, Armscor said.

Flood waters abate

Floods that have swept Wales and parts of England are beginning to ease, the National Rivers Authority said yesterday. Eight red alerts warning of possible serious flooding were still in force yesterday on three rivers — the Upper Severn at Shrewsbury, the Lower Exe, Lower Torridge, and Mole in Devon — and on three stretches of the River Wye in Wales. The alerts are expected to be lifted this morning.

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Ashdown's EU warning

Paddy Ashdown gave a warning last night that the "broken-backed" nature of the Government could undermine the European Union. The Liberal Democrat leader said a strong EU must be upheld to combat the rise of nationalism and external threats. Pointing to Tory divisions, Mr Ashdown said in his new year message: "Unless those who believe in the European project defend their vision, 1995 could be the year when the idea of union began to die."

Windsor drill backed

Berkshire County Council is likely to approve plans for exploratory drilling in the grounds of Windsor Castle at a meeting next week. Council officers have backed the scheme, saying: "The site is located in an area where noise, general disturbance and visual impact would be minimal." Donald Beer, chairman of the development control and waste regulation committee, said he saw no reason for the application by Canuk Exploration Ltd to be refused.

Truancy watch doubts

The Government's anti-truancy policy may prove ineffective, according to the Centre for Police Management and Research at Staffordshire University. It says such schemes, which rely on shopkeepers, police and the public to look out for truants, will become less effective as people lose interest. John Patten, the former Education Secretary, declared truancy watch "a rip-roaring success" after reports that an initial scheme had halved juvenile crime.

Mercury makes peace

Mercury One-2-One said it had compensated hundreds of customers who were unable to take full advantage of a free Christmas Day calls promotion. It admitted misjudgments but said operators had not been deluged with complaints. Mercury said eight in ten customers who qualified used the service on December 25. Fewer than 1,000 people had complained; some were unhappy because they had not been able to make large numbers of calls.

NHS chief found dead



A government adviser on NHS reforms has been found hanged at his home. Christopher West, right, 50, a member of the Audit Commission, was chief executive of the Portsmouth and South East Hampshire Health Commission. He was found by his wife on Wednesday morning in the garage of their home in Chichester, West Sussex. Police say there are no suspicious circumstances.

Assault widens search

The search for Paul Marshall, who escaped from Rampton Hospital a week ago, was widened to Essex yesterday after a woman was sexually assaulted in her home at Benfleet. The 6am attack happened a mile from the home of a housewife Marshall terrorised in 1986, for which he was given a life custody sentence under a hospital order at Chelmsford Crown Court. Essex Police said they were keeping an open mind about the attacker's identity.

Submarine captain dies

Rear-Admiral Godfrey Place, who won the VC after he captained a midget submarine that helped to cripple the German battleship *Tirpitz* in 1943, has died aged 73. During the 1,000-mile journey from Scotland to Norway, where the *Tirpitz* was anchored, a mine became impaled on the nose of his submarine but he surfaced and calmly kicked it off. He was taken prisoner during the raid, which captured the public imagination.

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Environment survey

Public concern about the environment remains high, with anxiety about traffic fumes and water pollution topping peoples' worries, according to a national survey published today). The poll, carried out by Survey Research Associates, part of NOP, on behalf of Friends of the Earth, found that most people want tougher penalities. Nearly 60 per cent of those questioned said the government was not doing enough to protect the environment.

Blair vow

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party, back in the mainstream, speaking up for the majority."

Mr Blair said that in 1994 the British people began to look more closely at the new Labour Party and in record numbers liked what they saw; in 1995 they would turn to Labour as a party they could again trust with government. Labour would show next year not only that a Labour government was a real possibility, but essential.

He said of the Government: "They have feeble leadership. They have run out of ideas for the future. They are so obsessed with their own internal divisions that they are incapable of addressing the needs of Britain. Each problem they face is now to be measured only in terms of the effect on Tory factions. This is no way to govern.

"Their politics has failed. Their philosophy has failed. Our way can win. Britain is tired of being forced to accept second best.

"The 'feel-good' factor is not just about living standards. It is about the society we live in and the country we are becoming — a more divided and insecure country, a country beginning to run out of hope."

Mr Blair said there were new "dividing lines" in politics and that Labour and the Left were constructing them with greater confidence, energy and vigour than for a generation.

The Labour leader said policy development would be concentrated on the economy, getting people off benefits and into work, tackling crime, homelessness and social neglect, improving schools, saving the health service and modernising the constitution.

Mr Hanley hit back at Mr Blair, saying that Labour was still rooted in the prejudices and ideology of the past. "Labour still clings to policies and attitudes which have sorely damaged Britain in the past and would do so again in the future.

"That is a risk Britain cannot afford and a threat we will fight to prevent."

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Pubs to have cash fruit machines

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

FRUIT machines will pay out prizes in cash rather than tokens under government proposals to relax the restrictions on gambling and betting announced yesterday.

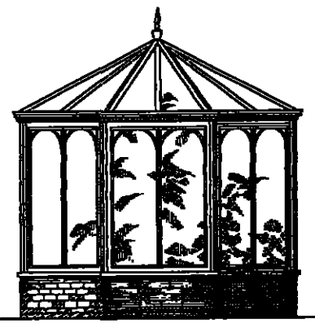
Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, plans to increase the maximum payouts in both cash and tokens. He is also to allow all-cash fruit machines to be put in public houses, bingo clubs, betting shops and amusement arcades.

Mr Howard said yesterday: "Players feel cheated when they win and only get tokens which cannot be exchanged for cash. A new all-cash machine would dispense with tokens, allowing players to keep their winnings." His move follows complaints from punters who find that tokens they have won can only be used to play more games or be spent at the public house where the machine is installed. The Government is to consult with the industry and public over the proposed changes, which will include increasing the maximum cash prize from £3 and maximum value of tokens from £6.

Yesterday's announcement was welcomed by the British Amusement Catering Trades Association. John White, the association's deputy general secretary, said: "Tokens came about in the Sixties, when nearly all machines were in seaside amusement arcades, which are geared to handle tokens. Now most machines are in pubs and there's really no point to tokens. Everyone would be happier with cash."

However, Mr Howard will face opposition from anti-gaming groups. They are particularly concerned about gambling among teenagers.

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Tudor painting uncovered in Norfolk shrine village

BY ALAN HAMILTON

WORKMEN converting a former butcher's shop in the Norfolk shrine village of Walsingham have uncovered a 15th-century wall painting in remarkably good condition.

Builders were stripping Victorian wallpaper when they found some fine Elizabethan panelling, a surprise in itself. But when they noticed a foot protruding beneath the woodwork, they removed another layer to reveal an even older decoration behind.

The 5ft-high painting, typical of its period, is of a huntsman with hounds stalking a stag, executed on a wooden mantel. Above it, painted directly on to the plaster and probably the work of a different hand, is a frieze of fantastical foliage and details of classical architecture. Experts believe the work is in such good condition because it has been covered up for 400 years.

Conservation officers from North Norfolk District Council have examined the painting, but until samples are taken and clues from the huntsman's dress are studied, they cannot be precise about its age. They believe, however, that it lies somewhere between late medieval and early Tudor. Mike Brackenbury, the council's conservation architect, said yesterday: "It is a complete mystery; we do not have any idea of who might have painted it, but it is certainly the oldest and largest wall painting to be found in north Norfolk for some while."

Such a style of decoration is not unduly rare, but it is not often that an example is found in such relatively good condition. Stephen Heywood, Norfolk County Council conservation officer, said: "There are probably many such wall paintings in Norfolk. It was a common way to decorate homes in the post-medieval period, but most of them will now be under several coats of emulsion."

Andrea Kirkham, a Norwich-based painting conservator, has begun the delicate task of preserving the painting. The council hopes it will eventually be able to put the painting on public display. Appropriately, the building is being converted into an artist's studio. Walsingham has been a religious centre since the 12th century, and in medieval times thrived as one of the most important places of pilgrimage in England, visited by kings and commoners. Henry VIII was among its pilgrims, but that was before he dissolved Walsingham Priory along with all the other monasteries of England.

Even today Walsingham remains an important place of pilgrimage for both Anglicans and Roman Catholics. Although now no more than a village, it may well contain many further treasures hidden behind the Dulux.

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Henry VIII: dissolved Walsingham Priory

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Soul of discretion who kept quiet about robbery



The entrance to the flats where Lady Mishcon was ambushed

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

TWO men who burgled the home of Lord Mishcon, the Princess of Wales's legal adviser, did not steal or see any documents relating to her, the Labour peer said yesterday. Lord Mishcon, 79, reassured the Princess and the Royal Family that confidential files concerning royal matters were not kept at his luxury flat near Hyde Park in London.

As the solicitor and his 62-year-old wife Joan recovered from the robbery in which two men with knives forced them to hand over jewellery valued at £1 million, Lord Mishcon said: "None of the Princess's papers are kept at my home." He added: "I would like our friends to know that we are all right."

Lady Mishcon, the peer's fourth wife, was ambushed in the lobby of their block of flats after walking her dog in Hyde Park eight days before Christmas. The couple's maid was bound and gagged and Lord Mishcon, whose clients include Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare and Lord Palumbo, was forced to watch as they wrenched rings from Lady Mishcon's fingers and a bracelet from her wrist.

Lord Mishcon reportedly told his wife to hand over the keys of the safe after they threatened her during the raid. She is understood to have suffered a cut to her face and bruising to her fingers and wrists.

Russell Mishcon, one of Lord Mishcon's two sons, said yesterday: "My father is fine. Lady Mishcon is fine. I think that anything like this obviously has an effect. They are both all right."

He declined to discuss details of the robbery or what was taken in the raid from the flat, which has a security system and is in a block guarded by a porter 24 hours a day.

Lord Mishcon, recovering at an address in the country, is not due back at the Mishcon de Reya solicitors' office in Southampton Row, central London, until the middle of next month. A spokeswoman at the firm said there would be no statement.

Detectives investigating the raid believe it was an opportunist robbery in an area which is home to several wealthy members of the aristocracy, businessmen and rich Arabs. Neighbours overlooking the apartment said the burglars may have got into the block of flats by climbing scaffolding and getting through a window.

A porter at the £500,000 first-floor apartment in the exclusive six-storey block said the couple had both gone away until the middle of January. He added: "They are both OK. I cannot say any more than that."

Among the rich and famous, Lord Mishcon is renowned for his discretion, so it was hardly surprising he asked the Metropolitan Police to withhold publicity about the burglary on December 17 or that, when the news did become public, he should immediately reassure his most famous client, the Princess of Wales, and her husband's family, that none of her papers was kept at his flat.



Lord Mishcon, who immediately reassured the Princess of Wales that papers concerning royal matters were not involved in the robbery

Lord Mishcon, who started his own firm at the age of 21, is one of a small band of lawyers summoned by the rich or famous at times of crisis. At £300-an-hour he does not come cheap, but his old world style, courtesy and charm conceals a shrewd, clear-thinking mind.

He stood down as senior partner at Mishcon de Reya in 1992, and has settled into the role of consultant, with a list of high-profile clients. It is only in the last few months that his position as legal adviser to the Princess of Wales has thrust him into the media spotlight.

It is a position he has sought to avoid, preferring to operate quietly and effectively behind the scenes for the list of well known clients who have turned to him for advice. He has been Lord Archer's solicitor for 20 years and has acted for Gerald Ronson, the businessman jailed for his part in the Guinness affair, Lord Palumbo, the former chairman of the Arts Council, and Robert Maxwell, the disgraced media tycoon.

Lord Mishcon has spent a lifetime immersed in Labour Party politics, and it was politics that first brought him to the attention of the public. Born in Brixton, south London, the son of a rabbi and a schoolteacher, he went to the City of London School before beginning a career in local government.

A member of the Labour Party since the age of 17, he became the youngest chairman of the London County Council this century in 1954 at the age of 38. But success at parliamentary level proved elusive and he failed to win four seats at general elections between 1950 and 1959. He eventually made it to Westminster in 1978 when he was made a life peer by James Callaghan.

His first wife died in 1943; his second marriage ended in 1959 when he was granted a divorce on the ground of his wife's adultery; his third marriage ended after five years in 1972 on the ground of irretrievable breakdown. He married his fourth wife, Mrs Joan Conrad, in 1976. He has two sons and a daughter.

A former vice-president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, he has a house in Israel and acted as a secret intermediary between Israel and Jordan between 1984 and 1990.

Fugitive charged with theft of £92,000

Give yourself up later, police told missing banker

BY KATE ALDERSON

A MISSING banker charged with stealing £94,000 from his branch tried to give himself up on Boxing Day but was told not to bother for two days, it was said yesterday.

The wife of Ian Lumb, 38, is believed to have telephoned a detective at his home to say her husband had returned to Britain from France and was ready to be questioned. The officer said he should wait until Wednesday before surrendering to detectives at a Bolton police station.

Terry Lewis, Labour MP for Worsley, said: "It is a bizarre way for the police to carry on. I would have thought that with the high profile this case attracted internationally, the police would have responded immediately to the call. It seems a crazy and totally inexcusable decision."

Mr Lumb, who appeared before Bolton magistrates yesterday, is understood to have returned to his home in Rawtenstall, Lancashire, six days ago. Greater Manchester Police said he walked into Bolton police station on Wednesday afternoon after making an appointment with officers.



Lewis: "a totally inexcusable decision"

Mr Lumb, assistant manager at a NatWest branch in Bolton, was granted conditional bail at a five-minute hearing during which reporting restrictions were not lifted. Bail was given on four conditions: he must surrender his passport and driving licence and not apply for any travel documents to leave the country, he must report to Bury police station twice a week, reside at his family home and remain inside his house between 8pm and 7am every day.

Mr Lumb appeared relaxed and waved at his wife Susan, who was in the public gallery. He spoke only to confirm his name and address before returning home.

After Mr Lumb walked into Bolton police station he was questioned by detectives about the contents of a cash dispenser that went missing at the time that he disappeared from his home in May.

A police spokeswoman said Mr Lumb had made contact with officers before arriving at the station. She refused to comment on the suggestion that Mrs Lumb had told police on Boxing Day that her husband had arrived home. "Police were not aware that he had been at home for five days," the spokeswoman said.

After Mr Lumb disappeared his wife made a number of appeals for her husband to contact her and their two children, aged 13 and 10. It is believed that Mr Lumb spent a number of months in France.

Mr Lumb was given bail until February 23.

DAVE KENDALL



Ian Lumb at Bolton Magistrates' Court with his wife Susan, who says she called detectives on Boxing Day to say her husband was home

Headsets dulled sound of fatal train

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

TWO British backpackers who were killed by a train on Wednesday on the outskirts of the Spanish town of Alicante are thought to have been listening to personal stereos as the train approached.

Mark Whiting, 23, and Malcolm Hills, 28, from Ashford, Kent, had apparently been walking along the railway line in the dark on their way into town. They were struck by the passenger train travelling from Murcia to Alicante at 11.50pm. Police said the driver sounded his horn and braked but the two tried too late to jump out of the way.

The accident took place at Los Palmerales where the track runs close to the coast road. A Foreign Office spokesman said: "The Spanish police will decide whether to hold an investigation."

Interpol has been called in to trace a British woman and her Australian husband who have disappeared during a backpacking tour of Latin America. Nyky Napier-Reynolds, 29, has not been in touch with her parents since sending a postcard on November 29 saying they had arrived in Mexico City. Her husband Simon has not contacted his family in Australia.

Her parents, Alan and Jannette Kitching, of Chester-le-Street, Co Durham, were expecting reverse charge telephone calls from her on December 7, her birthday, and over Christmas, but none came. Mr Kitching said: "We are very concerned."

Liquidator may sue estate of salesman

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

THE liquidator is considering suing the estate of a salesman found dead in a fume-filled car after the company for which he worked collapsed with debts of £170,000.

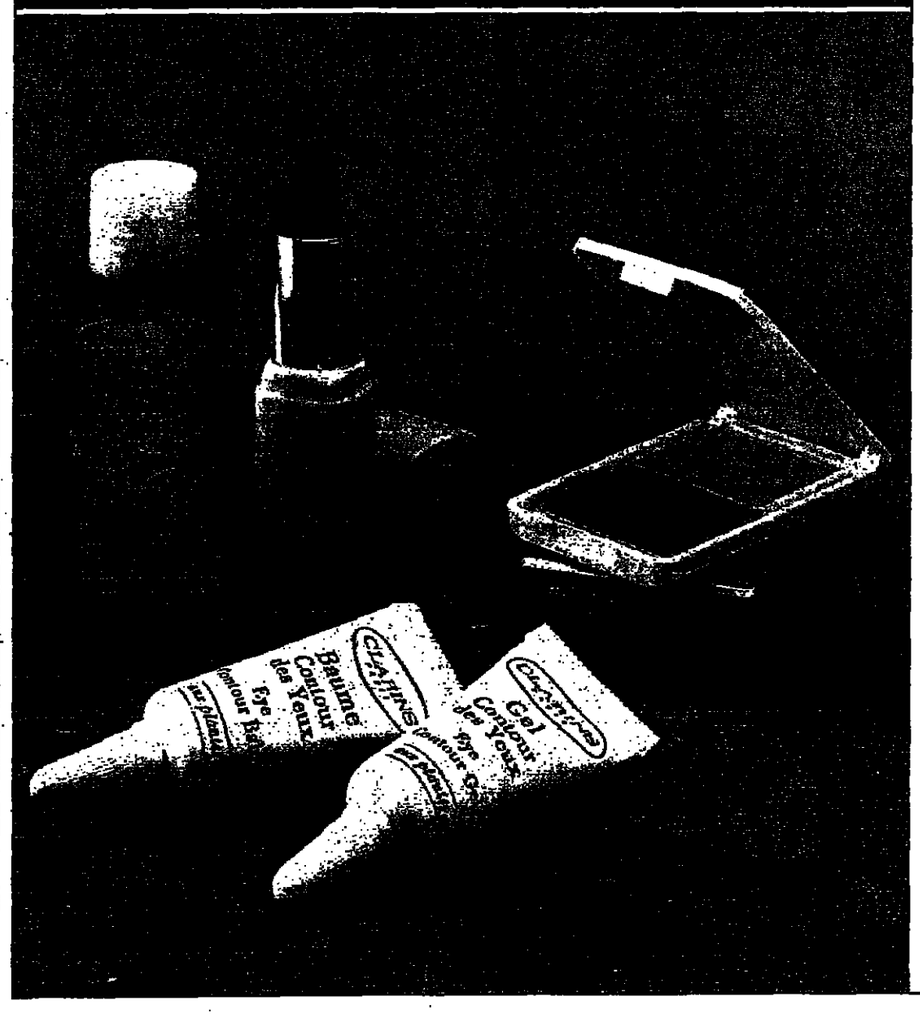
Clive Everitt, of the liquidation firm Shaw and company, said that Alun Darlow, of Littlemore, Oxford, appeared to have invented company orders in an attempt to save his job. He said that ledgers for Addox, a video information company, showed sales of £40,000 for the period since July, but only £2,000 of outstanding orders were genuine. "The individual concerned appears to have created all the customers," he said.

The company has gone into liquidation with debts of £170,000, and the liquidator is considering suing Mr Darlow's estate to recover some of the money.

Mr Everitt said that Mr Darlow, 27, who had been unemployed before he began work with Addox in July, had been questioned by one of the company managers as to why so many invoices had not been paid. He had said he could explain the discrepancies. His body was discovered the next morning, last month, on the outskirts of Oxford.

Mr Darlow's brother Stephen said that his brother should not be blamed for the company's ill-fortune, and that Alun had not personally gained from inventing the orders. An inquest is expected to take place early in the new year.

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'Quite simply, it is a lottery people cannot afford to play — the odds are stacked against you'

Quit smoking and save your child, says minister

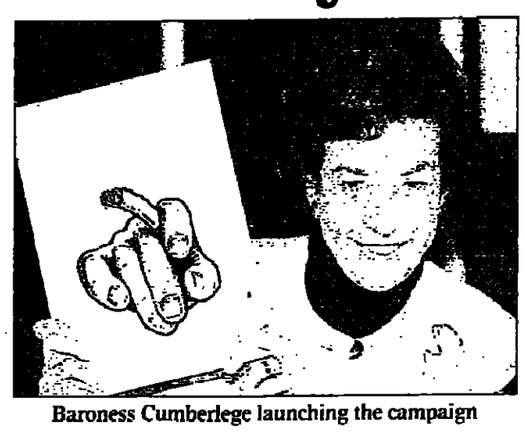
By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

THE Government started a three-year campaign against smoking yesterday, backed by new research into its effects.

Baroness Cumberlege, a junior Health Minister, said the £13.5 million project would be aimed at adults and particularly parents who were risking their children's health by exposing them to passive smoking.

"Smoking is the largest preventable cause of deaths in this country," she said. "Quite simply, it is a lottery people cannot afford to play — the odds are stacked against you. Of 1,000 young smokers, it has been estimated that one will be murdered, six will die in road accidents but at least 250 will be killed before their time by tobacco."

The campaign, to be run by the Health Education Authority, is using television advertisements starring John Cleese to raise awareness. The first of these has already appeared. Individual advice and support to smokers wanting to give up will be available from a Quitline (071-487 3000) and local activities will be organised in the run-up to no-smoking day in March 1995.


Baroness Cumberlege launching the campaign

The authority has carried out research which shows that parents are ignorant of the effects of smoking in the home. Of those parents questioned, 36 per cent did not believe that their child would be affected by their smoke, in spite of evidence that respiratory disease, and admissions to hospital, are higher among the children of smokers. The Health Education Authority's own figures show that almost 50 children a day under the age of five are admitted to hospital suffering from illnesses linked to passive smoking, including asthma and bronchitis.

The authority has also shown that children whose parents smoke are twice as likely to become smokers as children of non-smoking parents. Yet when parents were questioned, 44 per cent said that the fact that they smoked would make no difference to the likelihood that their children would take up the habit.

"It is also essential for people to realise the health risks of passive smoking, especially for young children," Lady Cumberledge said. "I hope that this campaign will encourage parents to finally give up smoking, not just for their own good but also for the sake of their children."

The authority is highlighting a family from Manchester who between them used to smoke about 120 cigarettes a day. The Jennings family finally succeeded in giving up in 1992 after they were involved in making a television documentary about healthy living. They quit during the eight-week run of the programme and have not smoked since.

Gina Jennings, who is 45, had smoked for 31 years. She has calculated that in a single year the family saved £5,400 by giving up cigarettes, and she used some of the saving to pay for a family holiday in Spain. Her husband Clifford, 44, had smoked for 30 years, once giving up for three years, before he succeeded permanently in 1992.

ADRIAN BROOKS


Mandy Jennings, 13, with her parents Clifford and Gina. The family, who once smoked 120 a day, gave up in 1992

He said that it had not been easy, and that the atmosphere in the house had at times been so fraught that the parents and children were unable to eat together. But after a few weeks the tension eased and now they feel happier and healthier, have more money and as a result, fewer worries.

Dr Ann McNeill, responsible for health education on smoking at the authority, said: "A new year's resolution for many smokers in this country will be to give up smoking. The John Cleese TV advertisements aim to inform and support smokers taking this difficult step and convince them that they can stop."

In devloping the campaign, the authority has built on the experience of pilot campaigns in northern England and London, which used a similar approach. The advertisements have been tested by consumer panels, and results show that they are likely to appeal to a wide range of viewers, including smokers, parents, single adults and children.

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Women killed by rare flu virus

By A Staff Reporter

TWO women in their thirties living a few miles apart have died of a rare flu bug. Health chiefs are studying the fatal cases of viral myocarditis.

Karen Burden, 35, died after complaining of flu symptoms over Christmas. A post-mortem examination revealed that she suffered a circulatory collapse when the virus attacked her heart. Mrs Burden died at her home in Pencoed, Mid Glamorgan, where she lived with her husband Mark and their children aged eight, six and four.

Shirley Gareeb, a bride-to-be, was killed by the same virus at her home seven miles away in Maesteg. Miss Gareeb, 37, was found dead in bed by her fiancé David Davies, 38, who said: "She had been ill with the flu for a couple of days and wasn't well over Christmas but she thought she was coming out of it when she was taken ill again.

"We got engaged recently and bought the house together just six weeks ago. It was the first step towards our new life together."

Further tests are being carried out on both women by health chiefs who fear a cluster of deaths from the virus in South Wales.

David Powell, a consultant pathologist, said it was uncommon for people in their thirties to die of viral myocarditis. He said: "It can be a complication of influenza or any other virus but it is rare." Inquests are likely to be held on both women.

Family of meningitis baby is treated

By Lin Jenkins

RELATIVES of a baby who contracted meningitis after a Christmas get-together are being treated with antibiotics.

Year-old Sorcha O'Callaghan was said to be doing well yesterday and responding to treatment in Chase Farm Hospital, Enfield, north London, where she was taken on Boxing Day. Her 15-month-old cousin Ashley Cunningham, who had been admitted to hospital suspected of suffering from the disease, was given the all-clear.

Brian Cunningham, the children's grandfather, who was at the party in Canonbury, north London, said: "At first, we just thought Sorcha had a bug or a cold. The doctor came round on Christmas Day evening and gave her some medicine, which didn't work. The next morning, we took her to hospital and they said it was meningitis."

Dr Sheba Sen, consultant in communicable disease control, said all GPs in the area had been notified. "Once the condition was diagnosed, the immediate family, or all those that we consider within kissing contact, were given antibiotics as protection," she said.

Alexandra Yates, of Rottingdean, East Sussex, the five-year-old girl whose friend Emma Harris died of meningitis on Boxing Day, was yesterday said to be stable in intensive care in Guy's Hospital, London. All the children who attended a carol concert in Rottingdean where they might have come into contact with the infection have been traced.

Navy raises wine glasses to Wrens

By Lin Jenkins

THE signal "splice the mainbrace" will never be quite the same again in the Royal Navy where tradition dies hard.

Those who still mourn the passing of the tot, the daily rum ration, 24 years ago have found that the modernists are at it again. Prompted by changing palates and the need to accommodate Wrens now serving on board, the Royal Navy is allowing junior ratings to swap their beer ration for a taste of the grape.

The daily allowance of three 330ml cans of beer, which in 1970 replaced a 278-year tradition of grog — two parts of water and one part rum — for junior ratings, can now be swapped for a 30cl bottle of wine.

Admiral Blake introduced a free daily liquor issue to sailors in 1650. He gave them brandy but it was replaced with rum after the conquest of Jamaica. It earned the name "Nelson's blood" when his body was shipped to England in a cask of spirit after his death at Trafalgar. It was said that thirsty sentries had tapped the cask.

A Navy spokesman said: "This policy offers more choice and reflects the fact that wine is generally becoming more popular. Wrens serving at sea might also prefer to drink wine rather than beer."

Junior ratings over the age of 18 can substitute each can of beer with 10cl of wine. Allowances differ for other ranks. Petty officers are allowed two pints of beer or equivalent while chief petty officers and warrant officers are limited only at the commanding officer's discretion. There are no set allowances for officers, but navy rules forbid drunkenness among all ranks.

Navy News, the navy newspaper that announced the changes in the latest edition, reports that the rules on alcohol differ between navies of different countries. The United States navy has dry ships where all alcohol is prohibited. The German navy has no limits imposed on off-duty drinking although getting drunk is forbidden, a policy shared by the Italians who have long had wine tanks in their ships.

French matelots are, not surprisingly, allowed a quarter litre of wine with each meal except breakfast.

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Short: broke away

Kasparov and Short return to rating list

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

GARRY KASPAROV and Nigel Short have returned to the latest International Chess Federation (Fide) rating list, published yesterday. Last year, when the two broke away to form the Professional Chess Association (PCA), Fide stripped them of their published ratings.

The rating is essential for fulltime chess players and so the move was potentially damaging, especially for Short.

The return to the ratings list of the two players, who contested the 1993 world championship in London, is part of the reconciliation negotiated by Kasparov and Florencio Campomanes, president of Fide. The bottom line was that Kasparov would support Campomanes in his attempt to become Fide president once more, while Campomanes, if re-elected, would guarantee a reunification championship match in 1996 between Kasparov and Anotoly Karpov, the Fide champion.

Kasparov heads the new Fide list with 2805 points ahead of Karpov (Russia) on 2765. Third on 2715 are Viswanathan Anand (India) and the Russians Valery Salov and Vladimir Kramnik.

For the purposes of rating calculation, Fide has apparently ignored all games played by the two during the period of their banishment, which has lasted for over a year.

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600,000 Britons will take to the piste this season, including a royal veteran

Cold blast brings a warm glow to new year skiers

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

ABOUT 25,000 skiers will leave British airports tomorrow heading for the Alps — though few pistes yet have promising snow cover.

With temperatures well above freezing on the lower slopes, rain early in the week and strong winds blowing away snow, conditions have so far been patchy at best. But, according to the London Weather Centre, change is on the way. A low pressure area west of Britain is about to bring cold air and snowfalls as far south as the tip of Italy.

Temperatures, which reached 10C in Switzerland yesterday, will fall sharply and be followed, probably on Sunday, by snow showers. "It is all looking very encouraging," a forecaster said.

The prediction will bring relief to the large number of families skiing this year. Peter Dyer, managing director of Crystal Holidays, said that chalets with nannies have proved so popular that his company has had to employ an additional six.

Thomson Holidays, which expects to take about 5,000 skiers away this weekend, said that France was proving particularly popular. A spokeswoman said: "Austria has always been favourite for British skiers but this year we have sold two holidays to France for every one in Austria. France has invested heavily in new ski lifts and the purpose-built resorts, although perhaps not as classicaly pretty as the Austrian villages, are very popular with the more serious skier."

According to the Ski Club of Great Britain, Italy is seeing the biggest growth in popularity and now has 14 per cent of the market. Bulgaria has taken a 7 per cent market share by appealing to beginners seeking a cheap way of trying the sport to see whether they like it.

Overall about 600,000 British holidaymakers will take to the slopes during the 15-week skiing season. Most resorts change-over guests on Saturday, hence the swarms of aircraft flying to Geneva, Zurich, Vienna and other destinations tomorrow.

Because of the poor snow conditions so far, there are still plenty of bargains, with Crystal offering a week in Bulgaria or Romania including air fares, half-board accommodation and unlimited ski lift pass for £199.

At the other end of the scale Thomson has a week's half board in the Alpenhof in Zermatt for £952 excluding lift passes.

Norway also claims to be benefiting from the poor snow conditions further south with bookings 55 per cent ahead of the same time last year and weekend skiing breaks, with guaranteed snow, available from £344.

But many holidaymakers appear to be waiting until the last moment to book their ski package to ensure that there will be snow when they arrive at their destination. Travel agents are, therefore, expecting a surge in bookings over the next few days as temperatures fall.

Many of the most popular ski runs in Scotland were closed yesterday because of a thaw and the Highland resorts are hoping that the winds predicted for Hogmanay and New Year's Day do not materialise.

Tanya Adams, of the Cairngorm Chairlift Company, said: "We'll do all we can to open. There's plenty of snow to come after yesterday's thaw, but gale force winds may well dash our hopes."

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ARNO BALZARINI



The Duchess of York, with her daughters Princess Beatrice, 6, and Princess Eugenie, 4, beginning her skiing holiday at the resort of Klosters in Switzerland yesterday

Gossip industry left adrift from the snow Princess



Forstmann: reportedly seen with Princess of Wales

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE royal skiing season opened in earnest yesterday, with the Queen's two daughters-in-law experiencing markedly different conditions on separate continents. All they had in common was the attentions of the gossip industry.

The Princess of Wales was enjoying a private visit to the United States, where the pistes at Vail, Colorado, were reported to be deep in the best champagne-powder snow anywhere in the world. She was photographed wearing red ski jacket, black tights and sunglasses yesterday, on a ski lift with a local instructor.

Less fortuitous for the Princess was the linking of her name with that of Teddy Forstmann, a wealthy financier and Republican party supporter. Mr Forstmann, a 54-year-old bachelor who was once a junior tennis star, who is said to have romanced some of the world's most eligible women, was reportedly seen in the Princess's company by the *Rocky Mountain News*, Vail's local newspaper.

Vail, 8,000ft up in the Rockies of Colorado, is one of a growing number of ski resorts in that increasingly popular region, and now vies with its arch-rival, the longer-established Aspen, for the title of most upmarket of American ski resorts. Vail Associates, the company that runs most of the resort's facilities, seemed to take the view yesterday that the presence of the Princess would do their cause no harm whatsoever.

Most *paparazzi* found themselves frustratingly stuck in Klosters with the Duchess of York and her children Princess Beatrice, 6, and Princess Eugenie, 4.

Conditions at the Swiss resort near Davos were described yesterday as "very indifferent" for both photographers and skiers. Several days of rain, and temperatures at an unseasonal 10C, have meant that skiing conditions are poor except on the highest slopes, with no snow in the village at all.

The Duchess, in purple ski suit and green tartan baseball cap, posed for a brief photo-call yesterday morning and then made her customary request to be left alone for the rest of her holiday. Conditions are expected to improve by the weekend, with weather forecasters predicting heavy snowfalls.

Conditions will also improve for the cameramen on Monday, when the Prince of Wales flies into Klosters with his children Prince William, 12, and Prince Harry, 10, for a ten-day holiday. By some mischance, he has found himself and his party booked into the same luxury hotel as the Duchess.

But the prevailing opinion among the photographers in Klosters was that they were on the wrong continent.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Boy of 13 crashes Jaguar into police

A boy of 13 driving a stolen Jaguar led police on a high-speed chase through London yesterday, ramming three police cars and injuring a woman police officer.

The boy was at the wheels of a Jaguar XJ12 with three passengers when police tried to stop him in Walthamstow, east London, at about 1am. The Jaguar smashed into two police cars causing extensive damage. A third patrol car was damaged in the chase. The joyriders were finally cornered in a garage and four youths were arrested.

Bus driver jailed

A bus driver was jailed for four months by magistrates in Richmond, Surrey, for continuing to drive after a drink-drive ban. Michael Cunningham, 41, of Feltham, west London, was disqualified in March last year but carried on working for Westlink Bus Company until last October.

Lottery charge

James Madel, of Fulham, west London, appeared in court charged with attempting to obtain £800,000 by deception from the National Lottery on or before November 21. Mr Madel, 25, a chauffeur, was allowed bail on his father's surety of £5,000 by Bow Street Magistrates' Court.

Cab men in court

Three taxi drivers appeared at Luton Magistrates' Court over a fatal incident at a rank on Tuesday. Suleman Khan was accused of murdering Shabir Khan and wounding two men. Alqub Hussain was charged with unlawful violence and wounding; Aurangzeb Kiani with unlawful violence.

Lifeboat rescues

Britain's lifeboats saved 1,422 lives in 5,424 launches last year and recovered property worth £31 million, the Royal National Lifeboat Institute said yesterday. The busiest station was Poole, Dorset, with Southend second, and Torbay, Exmouth and Eastbourne third.



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Shake-up of motorway building aims to reduce spending, streamline planning and cut 500 staff

Roads chief pledges new regime will be bloody

By Michael Dynes, Whitehall Correspondent

THE overhaul of Britain's bloated road-building bureaucracy will be painful, Lawrie Haynes, the chief executive of the new Highways Agency, has said.

Recruited from British Aerospace, he is responsible for shaking up the Transport Department's road-building arm, slashing spending by 20 per cent, and banishing traffic congestion from the motorway network.

Mr Haynes, who will earn £100,000, excluding bonus, freely admits: "It will be bloody." No one can come into the Civil Service bureaucracy from the cut-throat world of business wielding a knife and expect to be loved, he said in an interview with *The Times*.

Sitting on the twelfth floor of the Highways Agency's hideous offices on the south bank of the Thames, he spelt out his strategy in terms more reminiscent of a Wall Street corporate raider than the language of genteel understatement usually associated with British mandarins in Whitehall offices. "My brief is to bring private sector experience and expertise into the national road-building programme," Mr Haynes said. "It's a £2-billion-a-year business with problems and my job is to turn it around," he added.

He presides over some 2,300 staff, working in the agency's ten regional offices responsible for road building, and the nine regional offices responsible for maintenence. It is this top-heavy and disparate bureaucracy that will face the knife first.

Plans have been announced to cut staff by about 500, strip out whole layers of management, reduce the number of regional offices, and produce a streamlined Highways Agency that is able to build and maintain motorways without the interminable delays and setbacks that have blighted the road network for several decades.

When the changes are implemented, road building will be based in Birmingham, with satellite offices in Manchester and Bristol. "The objective is to have all the experts assembled together, so they don't have to waste time travelling to London," he said. Similarly, management and maintenance will be run by four regional offices based in Leeds, Bedford, London and Dorking.

In the past, motorway maintenance was carried out by the Transport Department's regional offices, who tended to think only in terms of their own stretches of motorway. "In future, maintenance will be planned along the entire route of a motorway in an attempt to minimise disruption to traffic."

But the human cost of restructuring has been considerable. Morale, which has not been particularly high in the Civil Service for years, has hit rock bottom. "When you are faced with a 20 per cent reduction of staff, obviously morale is going to suffer," he said. "But I want an organisation where people are proud to say 'I work for the Highways Agency'," he added.

Other managers are more blunt about the Whitehall shake-out. "The private sector has always been able to get rid of dead wood," one official told *The Times*. "But the public sector has accumulated decades of time-servers. If managers are going to manage, they have to be able to get rid of people who just aren't up to the job," he added.

In addition to the managerial shake-out, Mr Haynes is putting his hopes in research to boost the efficiency of the motorway network.

Schemes to regulate motorway traffic speeds, restrict the number of vehicles joining busy roads, and the immediate removal of vehicles involved in accidents are already under consideration. One project holds out the promise of reducing motorways repairs.

"At present, motorways have a 20-year life span. This could be increased to 40 or even 80 years," Mr Haynes said. "It would be expensive but it would drastically reduce congestion caused by maintenance," he added.

Road rage, page 15

CHRIS HARRIS



Lawrie Haynes, the chief executive of the new Highways Agency, who comes from the private sector with a brief to get traffic moving again

Accident danger lowest in Wales

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Correspondent

MID GLAMORGAN has the safest roads in England and Wales, according to a survey of police accident statistics.

The Insurance Service, a direct insurer with 400,000 policyholders, calculated the rate of road accidents in which there were injuries, per thousand population, and discovered that London had the worst record last year, with 5.77. Merseyside had 5.14. The average rate for England and Wales was 4.25.

Mid Glamorgan emerged as a haven of peace by comparison. The county had 2.97 accidents for every 1,000 people in the population. Police chiefs there could not explain the figure. Chief Inspector Roger Phillips, head of traffic, said: "We do have a lot of bad roads in this area so perhaps people are more careful. We certainly get our share of accidents we could do without."

The five areas with the worst road accident rate for the population were London (5.77 per thousand), Merseyside (5.14), Cambridgeshire (5.08), Surrey (5.05), and Greater Manchester (4.88). The safest five counties were Mid Glamorgan (2.97), Tyne and Wear (2.99), Avon (3.06), Gwent (3.09), and the Isle of Wight (3.15).

Bevan's 'NHS blueprint' to close for lack of funds

A MEDICAL society said to be the blueprint for the National Health Service is to close down on New Year's Eve after helping patients in the Welsh valleys for more than 100 years. Aneurin Bevan was a committee member of the Tredegar Medical Aid Society nearly 20 years before he introduced the NHS to Britain in 1948.

The society, which will be formally wound up in March, was founded in the 1870s when members paid 3d in the pound from their wages to receive free medical and dental treatment. In its heyday in the 1940's, the society had 20,000 members covering the workforces of ten coal mines between Tredegar and Blackwood in Gwent. Membership has fallen to 80 and society officials have decided to spend their remaining money on hospital equipment.

Bevan sat on the committee for 12 months in 1929 and is reputed to have used the society as a model for the NHS, which he introduced as Health Minister.



Bevan: sat on the committee in 1929

Norah Childs, 70, who has served as secretary to the society for 53 years, said: "We were a mini NHS. The people of Tredegar already received all the health service benefits before 1948." She said she was sad to see it go.

"We tried everything to keep it going, absolutely everything, but we just couldn't carry on. It is impossible when there are no contributions. It is because all the pits have closed down. For the last few years we have been living off our interest. We used to pay only a small amount of money to be registered but the sums have risen.

"In all the time I was secretary I never once was ill. But at least it was there. After 1948 we used to provide the things the NHS couldn't provide, like travelling expenses and grants for dentures and glasses."

The society once employed five doctors, a surgeon, two dentists, two dental mechanics, a chiropodist and two pharmacists. Dr A. J. Cronin worked for it during the 1920s and based his novel *The Citadel* on his experiences there.

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How bees take death to bugs in cornfields

By Nick Nuttall

SCIENTISTS have harnessed the humble honey bee to kill agricultural pests in a more environmentally friendly way.

The bees are coated with a virus that is harmless to them but deadly to crop-damaging insects. They deliver the virus to pest larvae during their visits to flowers while searching for nectar.

Bees visit thousands of plants and fly 500 miles during their 15 to 20-day lives, making them an ideal and more precise delivery system for pesticides than spraying by tractor or plane. Dr John Hamm, one of the researchers involved, said: "They are ideal because they visit so many plants."

The technique has been developed by scientists at the United States Department of Agriculture in Tifton, Georgia. Dr Hamm said the technique could be used in Britain to protect a wide range of crops. At the heart of the development is a tray attached to the hive. It is designed so that bees, crawling out on foraging expeditions, pass through talcum powder containing the pesticide, a naturally occurring virus called *Heliothis nuclear polyhedrosis*.

The scientists tested their system against the corn earworm and tobacco budworm, which cause millions of pounds of damage to vegetables, cotton and tobacco. The virus-coated bees killed 74 to 87 per cent of corn earworm larvae compared with a natural death rate for the bugs of up to 14 per cent.

Major's grim year offers hope of brighter tomorrow

■ The great survivor of British politics might be forgiven for welcoming the unknown dangers of the new year with open arms, Nicholas Wood writes

JOHN MAJOR is likely to toast the new year with enthusiasm and a sense of relief. The past 12 months have been grim for the Prime Minister, culminating with the MORI finding that his Government is the most unpopular since polling began. But he has survived to lead his party and the country into what he must hope will be a better tomorrow.

For Mr Major, January proved a cruel month, wrecking "back to basics", his last despairing stab at a big idea, insinuating Tory "sleaze" into the political lexicon with an auditor's report on alleged vote-rigging at Westminster City Council and questioning the sincerity of the Government's commitment to low taxation.

Tim Yeo was forced out after admitting he had fathered a child by a Tory councillor in Hackney, prompting an exodus by other figures entangled in sexual or financial misconduct and making a mockery of what Tory activists had applauded as the Prime Minister's moral crusade.

Jungle drums were beating the rhythm of a leadership challenge with Kenneth Clarke, Michael Heseltine and Michael Portillo the putative contestants. The noises off were never entirely to die.

Only Ireland offered a ray of hope. But early in the year, the high hopes of the Downing Street declaration of December 1993 were mired in Sinn Fein intransigence.

February made things worse. Mr Portillo was forced to apologise after claiming that foreigners forged their examination qualifications. Malaysia severed trade relations over press attacks on alleged corruption.

March opened with fresh embarrassment for the Government as Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, admitted ministers were wrong to link arms sales to Malaysia with aid for the Pergua dam project. William Waldegrave, the Minister for Open Government, hardly strengthened the Government's credibility by saying that ministers could, in extremis, tell untruths to the Commons. The low point in Mr Major's year was not far away. By the end of the month, amid intense speculation over his leadership, he abjectly backed down in the row over voting rights in Europe.

Plans to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of D-Day with a spam-fritter competition in Hyde Park were the next public relations disaster. Dame Vera Lynn became in April the latest to distance herself from the Prime Minister.

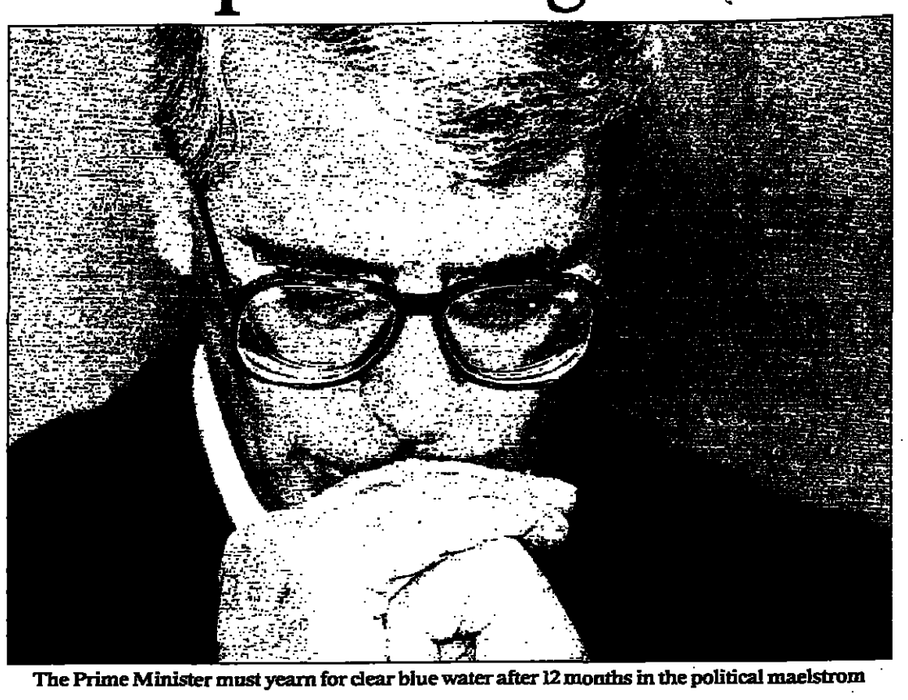
May brought the worst council election results for the Tories in modern times as the Liberal Democrats gained 388 seats against 429 losses for the Conservatives. For the first time, the Prime Minister conceded the possibility of a future referendum on Europe.

But the death of John Smith, from a heart attack on May 12, changed everything. Westminster and the country at large mourned the loss of a man of rare charm and integrity.

After a low-key campaign in which Mr Major took the lead with a staunchly sceptical approach to Europe, the Tories were spared the nightmare of a wipeout in the Euro-elections in June. Mr Major criticised beggars on the streets and the "deadly sins" of Europe. His reward was the worst Tory performance in a national election for more than 100 years but the salvaging of 18 Euro-seats.

By the end of June, Tony Blair was heading for an overwhelming victory in the race to be the new Labour leader. He was returned in July as a summer of rail strikes and dismissals of tax cuts by Mr Clarke did little to improve the national mood.

Mr Major conducted a modest reshuffle of his Cabinet. Sleaze stories returned as the Commons backed an inquiry into newspaper allegations that two Tory MPs were prepared to accept cash for questions.



The Prime Minister must yearn for clear blue water after 12 months in the political maelstrom

August brought the IRA announcement of a ceasefire, easing the pressure on the Prime Minister and bringing him new plaudits for his patient negotiating style.

At Leiden in The Netherlands, the Prime Minister rejected a two-tier Europe as he gave a sceptical vision of the future. But his denunciation of "yob culture" backfired in September when Jeremy Hanley, his accident-prone chairman, dismissed as "exuberance" a punch-up among spectators at a boxing match. Interest rates went up for the first time in five years.

October saw Mr Blair turn in a stunning performance in his first speech as leader to the Labour conference. Mr Portillo and Norman Lamont were the stars of the Tory conference. Mr Major suggested it was time to end the search for the big idea and promised the country quieter times.

The country was disappointed as the Tories were jolted by a renewed bout of sleaze allegations that were to cost Tim Smith and Neil Hamilton their ministerial jobs and threaten the career of Jonathan Aitken. The Nolan committee was set up to inquire into standards in public life. Almost unnoticed, seven weeks after the IRA ceasefire, Mr Major said he would begin exploratory talks with Sinn Fein.

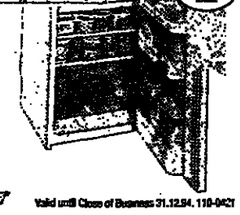
In November, he sought to counter the danger of a backbench revolt over Britain's contribution to the Brussels budget by threatening a general election if he were defeated. The Cabinet entered into a "suicide pact" to go with him if the confidence vote were lost. Despite the defiance of eight Tories, Mr Major won the vote. The rebels were stripped of the Tory whip and Sir Richard Body joined them. The Government was left in a technical minority.

By December, the affair looked less of a technicality as the outlaws combined with other trouble-makers to blow a £1 billion hole in the Budget arithmetic by voting down the second tranche of VAT on domestic fuel. Mr Major ended the year much as he began it, losing the Dudley West by-election to a Labour landslide and warning his party of the perils of disunity.

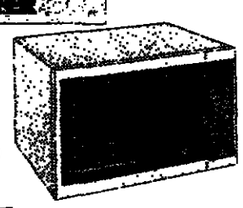
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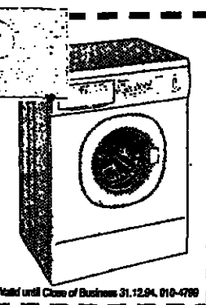
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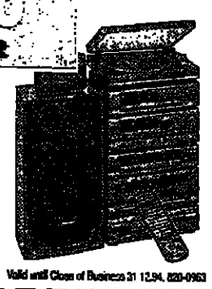
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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer North — **North-South game. Rubber bridge**

	♠KQ ♥Q743 ♦AQ4 ♣AKQ10	
♠108763 ♥J82 ♦K9732 ♣—		♠AJ942 ♥10 ♦865 ♣8432
	♠5 ♥AK965 ♦J10 ♣J9765	

W	N	E	S
—	2NT	Pass	3♥
Pass	3♠ (1)	Pass	6♥ (2)
All pass			

Opening lead: ♠3

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

(1) When South responds Three Hearts North has a good hand for his bidding so far. Three spades is a so-called "advance cue-bid", showing first or second round control of spades. North knows that South will realise he has heart support — otherwise he would just have bid 3NT over Three Hearts. It is normal to make advance cue-bids in the most economical suit available, without regard as to whether they are first or second round control.

(2) Taking the view that Six Hearts would be a reasonable contract, and not wanting to give information to the opposition. I was South — for the last week or two I have been holding a few tickets. It won't last.

When East won the spade he woodenly shovelled back a spade. It was then easy enough for me to make the rest of the tricks (playing the queen of hearts first of course — to cater for East's having all the outstanding trumps).

As you can see, a club from East at trick two would have beaten the contract. West berated himself for not doubling Six Hearts — he said it would be a "Sui-Lightner" double. Normally a Lightner double asks for the lead of an unbid suit, frequently because the doubler is void. In this case, West thought that by doubling he might have alerted his partner to the club switch after he had won the ace of spades. Fanciful in my view — most of the time East won't be able to win the opening lead, and the declarer's side will punish West with a redouble. Much better just to lay in to East for being so unimaginative at trick two.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Hastings tournament

In the opening round of the Vera Menchik memorial tournament at Hastings, Susan Lalic, England's top woman player, beat Colin McNab, the Scottish grandmaster.

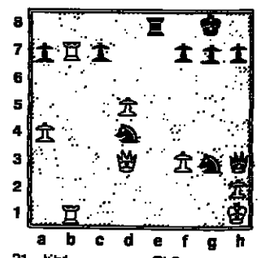
In the challengers section there has been a record entry of 171 players from 31 countries, including 13 grandmasters. In the first round of that event, Luke McShane, the British chess prodigy, beat James MacRae from Glasgow.

☐ Among the most brilliant regular competitors in the Hastings tournaments was John Littlewood, the British master. Littlewood, gifted with enormous tactical talent, could the best on his day. His standard technique was to tear his opponent's king apart with his bare hands.

White: Bisguier
Black: J Littlewood
Hastings 1961

Chigorin Defence

1	d4	d5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	c4	Bg4
4	cxd5	Bxf3
5	gxf3	Qxd5
6	e3	e5
7	Nc3	Bb4
8	Bd2	Bxc3
9	bxc3	exd4
10	cxd4	Nf6
11	Rb1	0-0
12	Be2	Rfe8
13	0-0	Rad8
14	a4	Rd8
15	e4	Qh5
16	d5	Nd4
17	Rxb7	Nxe4
18	Bf4	Rg6+
19	Bg3	Nc3
20	-Qd3	Ncxa2+



21	Kh1	Qh3
22	Rfb1	Rxg3
23	hxg3	Nxg3+

White resigns

In the same tournament, Littlewood's aggressive spirit also brought him close to a win against Botvinnik.

White: J. Littlewood
Black: Botvinnik

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	g6
6	Be3	Bg7
7	f3	a6
8	Bc4	b5
9	Bb3	Bb7
10	Qd2	Nbd7
11	0-0-0	Nc5
12	Kb1	Nxb3
13	cxb3	0-0
14	Bh6	Bxh6
15	Qxh6	b4
16	e5	Nd7
17	h4	bxc3
18	h5	dxe5
19	hxg6	Nf6
20	bxc3	exd4
21	gxh7+	Kh8
22	Rxd4	Qa5
23	Qe3	Nd5
24	Qd2	Nxc3+
25	Ka1	Rad8
26	Rc1	Qxa2+
27	Qxa2	Nxa2
28	Rxd8	Rxd8

White resigns

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Thieves deterred by sophisticated alarm systems in new cars

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

ALARMS and immobilisers fitted by carmakers in the past two years have sharply reduced thefts by joyriders, police figures show.

Officers with the Avon and Somerset and Northumbria forces, patrolling areas with some of the worst car crime, found that the chances of having an L-registered Vauxhall stolen were 92 per cent less than for a car with a C-plate, registered in 1985-86.

Avon and Somerset studied the number of Vauxhall cars stolen in seven months this year. Of just over 3,000 stolen, A to J-registered cars accounted for the bulk, with C-registered cars most at risk with 396 taken. Only 32 were L-registered Astras and Cavaliers, cars registered in the year up to last August, and which have new deadlocks, alarms and immobilisers.

Northumbria Police found a big difference in the number of thefts of Vauxhall Novas and Corsas, the model that replaced it. Thefts of Novas in the third quarter of this year at 181 contrasted with 15 Corsas, which have tougher locks.

The Corsa also has the stereo built into the dashboard. In 1990, Vauxhall supplied more than 35,000 replacement stereo systems, almost all lost through theft. This year the company will sell fewer than 6,000.

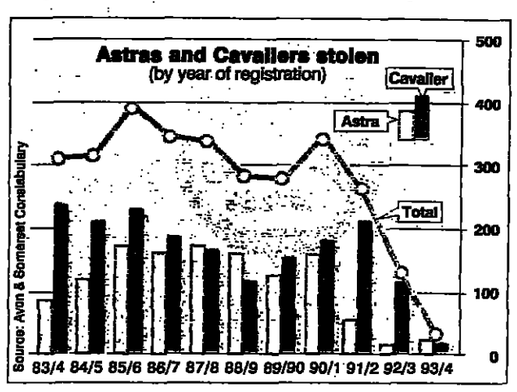
Most new cars have sophisticated alarms and immobilisers, which cut power to the engine to prevent "hot wiring", as well as clearly stamped vehicle-identification numbers and stereo systems that are coded or cannot be removed from the dashboard.

Vauxhall, which sponsored the study, said that in the six months to October this year, 12,423 of its new Omega, which has an array of anti-theft systems, had been registered nationally. Only one had been stolen and that was because the thief took the keys from a dealer.

Terry Nunn, deputy chairman of the British Vehicle and Leasing Association's panel, which next month will give an award to the carmaker with the best anti-theft record, said: "These statistics show that the war is slowly being won. We have been critical of carmakers in the past for not doing enough to combat car crime.

"But they have introduced innovations which are simply making it much harder for the casual thief. Not every company is doing as well but those such as Vauxhall have shown that, even though it will take time, car theft does not have to be an epidemic."

The advances are being reflected in insurance premiums. Insurers say premiums over the next year will fall by up to 15 per cent, which means savings of between £15 and £40 for the average motorist.



Living in fear of burglary

TWENTY per cent of householders are so afraid of burglary they would "turn their homes into fortresses" if they could, according to a national survey (Lucy Berrington writes).

Police initiatives to reduce the number of break-ins and recent Home Office figures indicating the biggest fall in property crime for 40 years have not eased residents' fears, says a survey by *House Beautiful* magazine and DIY superstore Do It All. The risk of having their home broken into concerned 84 per cent of those who responded to a questionnaire. People living in flats, maisonettes or rented accommodation, and those who had been burgled before, were most afraid.

One in four respondents had previously been burgled. Victims said the worst aspect of burglary was the knowledge that strangers had been in their homes (44 per cent), followed by fear that it might happen again (30 per cent) and the loss of items with sentimental value (20 per cent).

The survey found a half-hearted approach to preventive action. Householders were prepared to spend an average of £200 on securing their homes, but 56 per cent were not involved in a Neighbourhood Watch scheme and 60 per cent had no record of serial numbers for television and audio equipment.

DES JENSON



Artemis, being prepared for the journey to Hamburg, still boasts some of the equipment from her racing days



Kim Goodley checks over the "well-preserved" yacht

Veteran racer to set sail again

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A YACHT that had been left to rot for more than half a century has been saved by a group of sailing enthusiasts who are spending £250,000 renovating her.

***Artemis*, built in 1901 for the Wills tobacco family, was discovered by the group, who include Brian Morris, a Granada television producer, languishing on the edge of the River Blackwater at West Mersea in northeast Essex, where she had been used as a houseboat.**

The 94ft *Artemis* was towed by tug to B & G Marine at Mersea Island where she was prepared for one of the longest voyages she has made. Kim Goodley, one of the yard's owners, said: "With no sails or engine it needed a bit of help." Yesterday *Artemis*, floating within a larger boat, left for Hamburg, where she will be refitted in a dry dock over a four-year period.

It is hoped the yacht, still boasting maps and charts from her racing days, will be able to resume her career with more success than in the past. Miss Goodley said: "Very little is known about the boat's history. But we do know it was last raced in 1914. Unfortunately, it finished last in every race."

The two-masted "gentleman's racing yacht", as she was described in *The Yachtsman*, had lain in the mud at West Mersea since 1946. Despite exposure to the elements for more than 50 years, the wooden boat, which sleeps eight, is well preserved. Miss Goodley said: "It took in very little water on its journey to us. They don't make them like that any more."

Stock up with new year bargains

BY VICTORIA WALKER

IN THE days after Christmas, supermarkets are offering excellent deals on less seasonal fare. Somerfield is offering freshly cut mature white cheddar for only £1.15 a pound, and Harrods has Marcellian Cheese for £1.90.

With the new year celebrations in view, revellers in Scotland can buy a case of Tennent's lager for £14.89 from Safeway — and get a bottle of Safeway Vodka included in the price.

Advertised best buys include:

Co-op: Brussels pâté at £1.29 for 300g; frozen button sprouts at 49p a pound; Kestrel Pilsner 12 pack for £4.99.

Harrods: Marcellian cheese at £1.90 each; Cumbrian air dried ham at £3 for 100g.

Iceland: Southern fried chicken drumsticks at £1.99 for 1½ lb; Mirabel prawn ring at £4.99; white chocolate gateau at £2.99.

Marks and Spencer: family pack of chicken in breadcrumbs at £4.99; 160 extra strong teabags at £2.19; chicken casserole and dumplings at £2.25.

Safeway: Kerrygold pure Irish butter at 65p for 250g; Safeway Prawns at £2.95 for 450g; Safeway five-year-old Scotch whisky at £12.95 for 1 litre; grapefruit at 19p each.

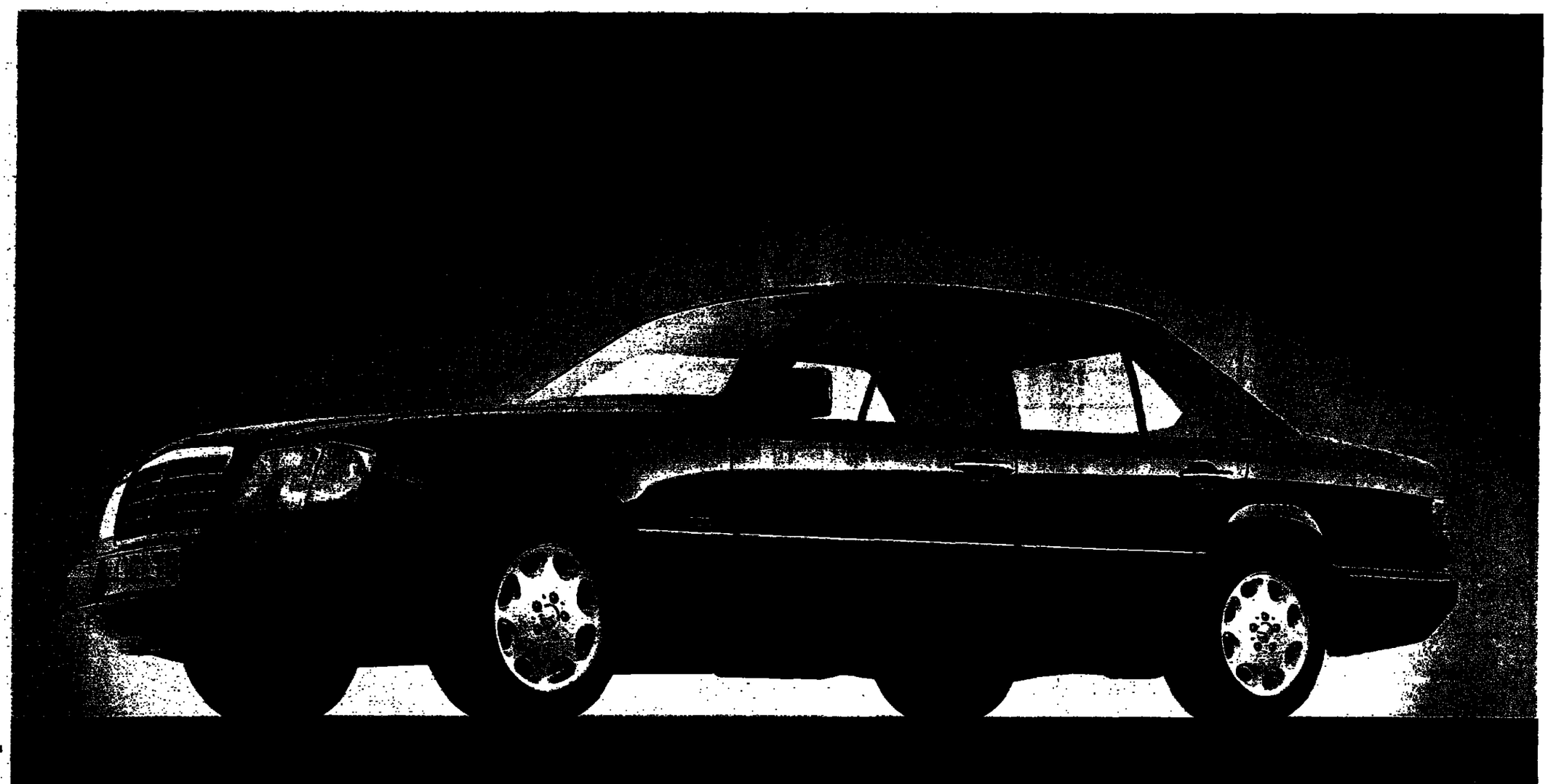
Sainsbury: rump steak at £2.98 a lb; Sainsbury's baked beans at 99p for 6 x 420g cans; Sicilian red or white wine at £2.29 a bottle.

Somerfield: white seedless grapes at £2.29 a lb; fresh whole Scottish salmon at £2.18 a lb; Castillo Imperial at £1.49 a bottle.

Tesco: smoked middle bacon at £1.49 a lb; iceberg lettuce 65p; party-size sausage rolls 75 for the price of 50 at £1.29.

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Clinton acts to prop up peso and save his free trade treaty

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

THE Clinton Administration is preparing to send billions of dollars to help to prop up the Mexican economy after a run on the currency almost exhausted reserves.

The money will not only go to support the peso in foreign exchange markets but also to help with loans to help the Government make debt payments.

The White House understandably is nervous that an economic collapse in Mexico could undermine the year-old North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta), which lately has become the mainstay of Mr Clinton's foreign policy in Latin America.

A falling peso makes American exports to Mexico dearer and hence less attractive. The White House has argued recently that free trade will boost American exports, creating more jobs, but now faces the prospect of cheaper Mexican imports to America and job losses.

The news yesterday that the Mexican Government is withdrawing troops from the conflict-ridden southern state of Chiapas and that peace talks might begin soon with the Zapatista Indian peasant army restored some stability to the financial markets.

The peso recovered 14 per cent of its value on Wednesday after plummeting nearly 40 per cent last week when the Government let the currency



Zapatistas patrol one of the areas they still control

float in the midst of a renewed political crisis in Chiapas. On Wednesday the International Monetary Fund sent a team to Mexico to help President Zedillo to put together an economic stabilisation plan. The President is expected to announce economic measures during a televised address to the nation on Monday.

After two weeks of military tension in Chiapas, where a year-long confrontation between the guerrillas and the Mexican army appeared to be on the point of exploding into violence again, fears of renewed fighting eased with the announcement that the Zapatistas are willing to resume peace talks.

Zapatista fighters, led by their hooded commander "Marcos", occupied several towns in a surprise resurgence of guerrilla activity this month, reviving memories of 12 days of fighting in January, which cost 145 lives.

This week "Marcos" issued a statement accepting the Government's offer of a peace commission to be headed by the Roman Catholic Church. The Zapatistas are demanding better living conditions and civil rights for indigenous communities long discriminated against by local ranchers with ties to the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party.

Chiapas is the poorest state in Mexico despite increased social spending by the Government since the crisis erupted. Infant mortality there is twice the national average. More than 165 cases of cholera have been reported in the state this year.

The Government took what could be an important step towards resolving the rebellion when it announced plans to redistribute large landholdings to benefit poor Indian families in Chiapas. Hundreds of thousands of acres of mostly cattle and coffee-growing land will be affected. "This action is in response to real and justified demands by the peasants of Chiapas and is needed to re-establish social harmony," Miguel Rojas Limón, the Agrarian Reform Secretary, said.

Analysts say the long-term effects of the economic crisis are likely to mean rising prices for hard-pressed working class Mexicans. The only good news is for foreign tourists who can expect cheaper holidays. The peso, which had fallen to 5.7 against the dollar on Tuesday, is still in bad shape after closing on Wednesday at 4.975, compared to 3.4 before the crisis.

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Military cordon worsens plight of Chiapas Indians

FROM DENNIS DUNLEAVY IN SAN CRISTÓBAL DE LAS CASAS

INDIAN peasants in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas have always had poor health-care facilities and must often walk for days to reach the nearest hospital.

However, the Zapatista revolt has made access to health care more difficult. Army roadblocks slow the delivery of medicines, and the Government limits mercy flights.

As the uprising by the Zapatista National Liberation Army ends its first year, resources for health care remain scarce, despite huge increases in government spending for other public welfare programmes.

"People are afraid to go through the roadblocks of the Zapatistas and the military," said Dr Begonia Abad, a doctor and nun who works at a hospital in Altamirano, 40 miles east of here. Many cases of cholera have been reported and infant mortality is twice the national average. *(AP)*



Lee Chin Yong, 69, a South Korean estate agent, breaks his own world record for consecutive chin-ups. He hoisted himself 612 times in a Seoul park yesterday before collapsing, and then pledged to do 700 lifts by next autumn. In 1988, he managed only 370 chin-ups

Vanunu must be released from solitary, says MP

FROM BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM

THE technician convicted of treason for disclosing nuclear secrets, Mordechai Vanunu, has been visited by a liberal Israeli legislator, who said that his condition was good but expressed concern over any further extension of his solitary confinement that has lasted eight years.

Dedi Zucker, head of the parliamentary law committee, saw Vanunu on Wednesday night with Moshe Shahal, the Police Minister, at the Ashkelon prison in southern Israel. "He is completely sane," Mr Zucker said. "I gained the impression of a man determined in his view, with a strong sense of mission and a lot of self-control." Mr Zucker had negotiated for two months with Israel's Shin Bet intelligence agency and had threatened Supreme Court action to gain access to the prisoner.

"He did not voice any regret about his actions," Mr Zucker, a member of the left-wing Meretz Party, said. He would seek to nullify the prison authority's power to extend Vanunu's solitary confinement. "I do not think that a modern state such as ours can allow itself to have any prisoner, even one who committed the most reprehensible act, hidden from the public eye. Until they bring strong and exceptional reasons for solitary confinement, there is no justification for the vindictive attention he is getting."

An editorial article in the *Jerusalem Post* criticised the Zucker visit, saying it portended the beginning of an effort to rehabilitate Vanunu. It attacked "bleeding-heart leftists and professional anti-nuclear bomb demonstrators in Britain and elsewhere" for taking up Vanunu's cause. "It has become the 'in' thing in smart, so-called intellectual circles, both here and elsewhere, to call traitors heroes and vice versa."

After being lured from London to Rome and forcibly taken to Israel in 1986, Vanunu was convicted in secret hearings that year and sentenced to 18 years in prison for smuggling out photographs of the Dimona nuclear reactor in the Negev desert.

The photographs portrayed an extensive nuclear weapons programme. *The Sunday Times* of London, which obtained the material from Vanunu, estimated that Israel had more than 100 nuclear devices.



Vanunu: "determined and with a sense of mission"

Singapore critics 'will harm nation'

FROM REUTER IN SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE has warned its citizens that too much criticism of their Government could lead to American-style "confusion, conflict and decline".

Chan Heng Wing, press secretary to the Prime Minister, wrote in a letter in yesterday's *Straits Times*: "The Government has to stay in charge of the agenda ... not by suppressing discussion, but by defending its policies, rebutting and debunking criticisms which are wrong and accepting constructive suggestions."

"Singapore will expand its political and artistic space pragmatically and gradually, and not in accordance with any formula urged ... by the Western media," he wrote.

The letter was the latest statement in a debate over the leadership style of Goh Chok Tong, who has been accused by some of reneging on an early promise to create a "kinder and gentler" Singapore. Mr Goh has attacked a writer who wrote in a newspaper that the Government was split between the people-oriented approach of the Prime Minister and the sterner tone of Lee Kuan Yew, his predecessor. He told Catherine Lim that the limits of openness and consultation did not extend to "demolishing the respect for and standing of the Prime Minister".

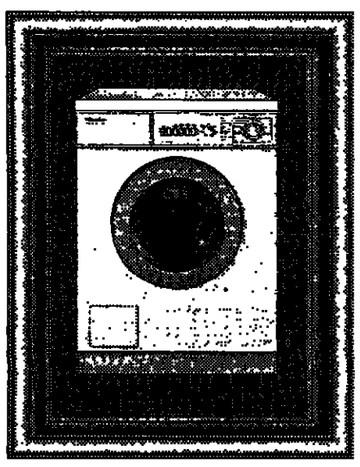
Mr Chan wrote that Singaporeans were not particularly interested in Mr Goh's style, but rather wanted "a good government which produces results".

He said that it was risky for local journalists and intellectuals to push the limits of openness.

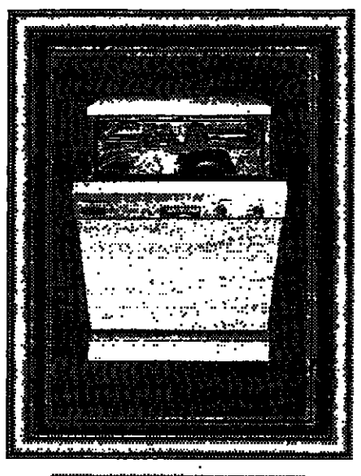
"Singapore is not America," he wrote. "If its Government is continually criticised, vilified and ridiculed in the media, and pressured by lobbyists as in America, then the Government will lose control.

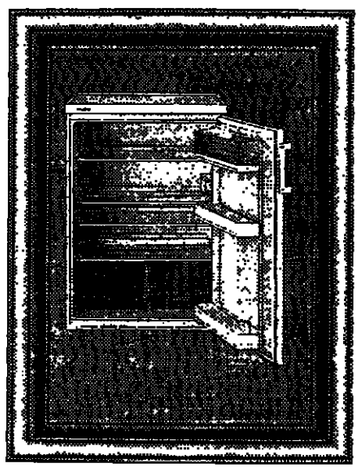
"The result will not be more freedom, but confusion, conflict and decline."

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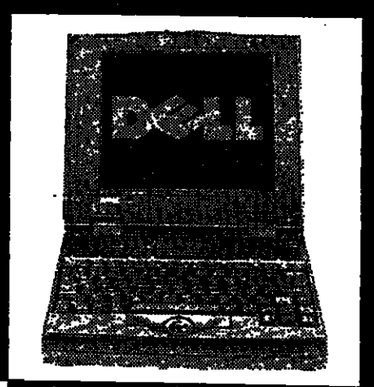
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Woolsey departure leaves the CIA in search of a role

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE abrupt resignation of James Woolsey, after less than two years as America's spy chief, left the CIA under siege yesterday and still floundering to establish a role in the post-Cold War world.

Under attack for months for his handling of the Aldrich Ames spy case and lacking strong support in either the White House or Congress, the CIA director was not thought to have been forceful enough in controlling the £20 billion-a-year agency.

In his letter of resignation to President Clinton on Wednesday, Mr Woolsey said he was tired of the 18-hour days and the seven-day weeks. But only as recently as ten days ago he had said he would remain in the post.

The relentless stream of bad news, focusing largely on his handling of the Ames affair, in which a senior CIA counter-intelligence officer was found to have spied for the KGB for nearly a decade, finally took its toll. Ames had received at least £1.3 million from Moscow, sent at least ten Allied agents to their deaths and jeopardised more than 100 covert operations in Europe.

An internal inquiry had painted a devastating self-portrait of the CIA's hapless attempts to hunt for the traitor. Apparently, no insiders had thought anything of Ames's drunkeness and laziness because there were far worse drunks and far less energetic people around him. Mr Woolsey, already under criticism for the report, then failed to dismiss or demote 11 present and former officers involved. His reprimands of them only resulted in a public drubbing from Capitol Hill.

It is thought that a CNN television interview with Ames, in which the former double agent was once more critical of the CIA, may have been the last straw that forced the 53-year-old director to leave the next day.

Nevertheless, many observers yesterday praised the former Rhodes scholar whose credentials should have made him the ideal man to head American intelligence after the Cold War.

Inevitably, his resignation comes as a blow to the Clinton White House and brings to 12 the number of senior officials who have either resigned or been dismissed. Defenders of Mr Woolsey say that whatever his faults, the White House must bear some responsibility.

"The CIA is like a giant dog," one former intelligence officer said. "It will follow the master. But you must put it on a leash. When you have got the National Security Council and the President sending signals that 'we don't think you're important', the dog just wanders around lost."

Previously, the President had always received a morning briefing from the CIA director, but White House officials limited Mr Woolsey's access to Mr Clinton by stopping the daily talks.

Yesterday, speculation centred on a possible successor. Those considered, included Warren Rudman, the vice-chairman of the Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, John Deutch, Deputy Defence Secretary, and Admiral William Crowe, the American Ambassador to London.

The new director may be able to shed the CIA's image of incompetence and rebuild ties with the White House, Congress and the FBI. He may even master a scaling down of the budget. But the key question of defining a role for spy agencies in the 21st century is likely to require serious thought on the part of both the White House and the CIA.

Mr Woolsey had not favoured industrial espionage, a route taken by several European agencies after the Cold War. He had made many speeches about the CIA's role in a world where the Soviet dragon had been replaced by a nest of poisonous snakes.

In a report accompanying intelligence legislation for next year, the House Intelligence Committee felt that the CIA had not tailored its operations for the post-communist era. "Thus far, CIA plans have the look of old wine in new bottles albeit smaller ones," it said.

FACTFILE

- **CIA formed in 1947 as successor to Second World War Office of Strategic Studies. James Woolsey was 14th chief.**
- **It moved to Langley in Virginia in 1961. Previously, it had offices in Washington DC.**
- **There are 11,000 officers and staff, down from 15,000 in the 1970s. Of these, 40 per cent are women. Mormons form the largest single group: they are employed for their linguistic abilities.**
- **In mid-1970s, CIA suffered a loss of credibility after reports that agents had played illegal roles in the Watergate affair and had spied on hundreds of thousands of Americans who opposed Vietnam.**



Berit Hilemon places a rose on her husband's coffin at his graveside in Gig Harbour, Washington. David Hilemon died in a helicopter crash in North Korea this month. Bobby Hall, his fellow crewman, is being held captive

US pilot writes a 'confession'

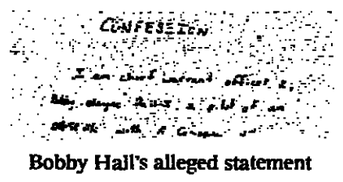
FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

NORTH Korea, ignoring a plea by President Clinton for the release of an American helicopter pilot, issued an alleged confession in which the captive admitted his "criminal action" in violating the country's air space.

The North Koreans' intransigence over the incident, in which the helicopter was shot down and its co-pilot killed two weeks ago, are jeopardising the nuclear accord reached between Pyongyang and America last October.

In his purported statement, Chief Warrant Officer Bobby Hall did not confess to deliberately crossing into North Korean air space nor to espionage. He said the crew "deviated" during "observation reconnaissance" in a "grave infringement" of the country's sovereignty that was "inexcusable and unpardonable". He asked for leniency and forgiveness so that he could go home to his family.

It was not clear yesterday whether the North Koreans would consider the "confession" a sufficient propaganda victory to close the affair or if they would still insist on an outright apology for espionage by the American Government, which Washington refuses to make. Mr Clinton said the crew made a navigational error during a routine training flight.



Bobby Hall's alleged statement

After an inauspicious start on Wednesday, talks continued yesterday in Pyongyang between North Korean officials and Thomas Hubbard, US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia, who is trying to win the warrant officer's freedom. North Korea's unwillingness to compromise is seen in Washington as evidence of a power struggle between moderate civilians and the hardline military who dislike the accord that curtails their nuclear arms programme in exchange for Western economic aid.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Father rescues his baby in morgue

Madrid: A baby born prematurely on Christmas Day and given up for dead, was saved when his father asked to see him for one last time in the mortuary before a post-mortem examination was carried out (Edward Owen writes).

Feliciano Perejón was amazed to see the child, named Jesús, move. "I just couldn't believe it. I took him in my arms and kissed him," the electrician, 37, said.

His wife, Concepción, 30, gave birth at 6am on Christmas morning at the Virgen de Rocio hospital in Seville as she was being wheeled to the delivery room. The baby weighed just 1lb 9oz. Dr Iñes Merchan, assisting at the birth, pronounced him dead and he was taken to the mortuary and placed in a refrigerated chamber.

The child is now seriously ill in intensive care.

UN man shot

Kuwait: Iraqi gunfire wounded a Romanian soldier serving with the UN observer force on the Iraq-Kuwait border. Captain Iovanov Danot, 32, was shot in the thigh while patrolling on the Kuwaiti side of the border. *(AP)*

Cannibal killer

Brussels: A Belgian man aged 26 who was born in Burundi has admitted strangling a friend aged 38 and cooking some flesh from his back in a frying pan and eating it after a row over mass killings in Rwanda. *(Reuter)*

Homes verdict

Jerusalem: Israel's Supreme Court rejected a Palestinian application to suspend the expansion of a Jewish settlement near Bethlehem on the West Bank as bulldozers flattened ground for 500 new settler homes. *(AFP)*

Royal birth

Tokyo: Princess Kiko, 28, the wife of the Emperor's younger son, Prince Akishino, 29, has had a baby girl, who will be named at a traditional ceremony on the seventh day after her birth. They already have a daughter aged three. *(Reuter)*

Sofia leader

Sofia: Bulgaria's anti-communist Union of Democratic Forces elected a new leader, Ivan Kostov, 45, a former Finance Minister, replacing Filip Dimitrov, 39, as part of a recovery campaign after its general election defeat. *(AP)*

Cool customer

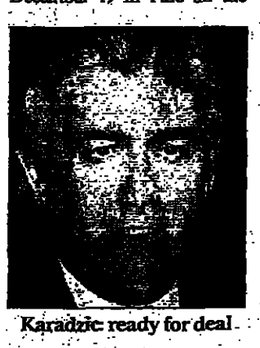
Harare: A stowaway, ten, who had never left Zimbabwe, tricked his way on to an Amsterdam-bound flight because he wanted to see ice, he said. The boy was caught on a Johannesburg stop-over. *(AP)*

Serb parliament backs peace

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

THE Bosnian Serb parliament yesterday endorsed an agreement negotiated by Jimmy Carter, the former American President, which backs the Contact Group peace plan as a basis for further negotiations.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, agreed on December 19 in Pale on the Carter peace plan, which included a paragraph saying the Serbs agree to "negotiations on a comprehensive peace agreement based on the existing plan drafted by the five-nation Contact Group, at a mutually agreed venue".



Karadzic ready for deal

In a statement, the parliament informed "the Contact Group and the international community of the readiness on the part of [Bosnian Serb] Republika Srpska to enter peace negotiations on the basis of agreement with Carter". Last summer the parliament had rejected the initial Contact Group peace plan.

The decision came as fighting increased around the northwestern enclave of Bihac, a day after Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, the United Nations commander in Bosnia, travelled to the area for truce talks. The British general made progress towards an ambitious armistice agreement between the Serb and Government leaders which is intended to allow time for negotiations on a more comprehensive four-month ceasefire.

While the rest of Bosnia continued to enjoy unusual calm along snow-blanketed front lines, fighting flared between Bosnian Serb units and Government defenders of the Bihac pocket. The area around the town of Bosanska Krupa, along the eastern border of the Bihac pocket, saw bitter clashes. "UN military obsevers have heard tank, artillery and anti-aircraft [cannon] fire," Thant Myint-U, for the UN peacekeeping force, said.

Yesterday's fresh clashes were the most serious since Mr Carter brokered his December 20 ceasefire accord. They were the first reported by the UN involving Bosnian Serb units.

The Carter initiative called for a ceasefire to begin on December 24 and seven days of negotiation on a four-month cessation of hostilities with the possibility of UN troops positioning themselves between the two sides and withdrawal of combat forces.

The Carter timetable called for the more detailed talks to be completed by New Year's Day.

☐ **London:** Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, is to make his first visit to Bosnia next week. He will spend most of Tuesday reaching Gornji Vakuf, where he will meet British troops. He will then travel to Zepca, Tuzla and Sarajevo, where he will meet General Rose.

UN to pay £135,000 in sex case

BY IAN BRODIE

THE United Nations has agreed to pay a woman employee $210,800 (£134,615) to settle her accusation of sexual harassment against a high-ranking Argentine diplomat.

Catherine Claxton, an American employed at UN headquarters in New York for the past 20 years, sued Lius Maria Gomez, an Assistant Secretary-General, for fondling her in his office in 1988 while she was working for him. Ms Claxton accused him of blocking her promotion after she rebuffed his advances.

Señor Gomez had diplomatic immunity from criminal prosecution, but Ms Claxton is suing him for $2 million.

Clinton to appeal over Jones ruling

BY IAN BRODIE

LAWYERS for President Clinton said yesterday that he will appeal against one part of a judge's ruling in the sexual harassment case brought against him by Paula Jones.

Judge Susan Webber Wright said that while the case need not go to trial until Mr Clinton leaves office, lawyers can begin taking sworn statements from witnesses, including the President, without waiting until he has left the White House.

Carl Rauh, a lawyer working for Mr Clinton, said the appeal would be based on concerns that the work and time involved in affidavits would be a distraction for the President. There is also a risk that the statements would be leaked, causing embarrassment to Mr Clinton in the run-up to his campaign for re-election in 1996. If his defence team takes the issue to the Supreme Court, it might not be resolved until after the election.

Mrs Jones's lawyers said they would seek testimony from Mr Clinton soon. She alleges he exposed himself and asked her for oral sex in a Little Rock hotel room while he was Governor of Arkansas. She claims she can identify distinguishing features of Mr Clinton's body. Asked if he would demand a physical examination of Mr Clinton, Joseph Cammarata, one of Mrs Jones's lawyers, replied: "That's part of the complaint. We expect to gather proof on that issue."

Algiers admits air security lapses

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

SECURITY failures at Algiers airport may have contributed to the hijacking on Saturday of the Air France airbus, the Algerian authorities have conceded.

Their admission came as the French press published an internal Algerian army document putting the death toll in the country's civil war at 35,000 this year alone. In a statement to the official Algerian press agency, APS, Ahmed Attaf, the country's Secretary of State for Co-operation, said of the hijacking: "Unfortunately, some shortcomings have become evident, as exist at any international airport. We're going to correct that."

He did not say what the shortcomings were, but authorities believe the hijackers must have had accomplices at the airport, where they were able to board the jet wearing Air Algeria uniforms. Three passengers, a Frenchman, an Algerian and a Vietnamese, were murdered before French anti-terrorist police stormed the airbus in Marseilles on Monday, rescuing all 170 hostages and killing the four terrorists, one of whom was identified yesterday as Makhlous ben Guettaf, 25.

On board, police found 20 sticks of dynamite which, according to Charles Pasqua, the French Interior Minister, might have been used to turn the jet into a flying bomb, possibly over Paris. Security experts in France say the terrorists, who were members of the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), could have smuggled the dynamite, as well as their guns and grenades, onto the airbus only with inside help.

France's top anti-terrorist judge, Jean-Louis Bruguière, opened an investigation into the hijacking on Tuesday and is known to be seeking possible accomplices. The French press believes that the terrorists might have received backing from a network based in France. If the seizure of the plane provoked horror and then relief in France, it also served to focus attention on the civil war that has raged in Algeria for three years.

Yesterday, the daily, *Le Parisien*, revealed an internal Algerian army document that said 25,000 civilians, 7,000 alleged terrorists and 2,700 members of the security forces had died in the first ten months of this year. If these figures are accurate, the conflict is more deadly than thought.

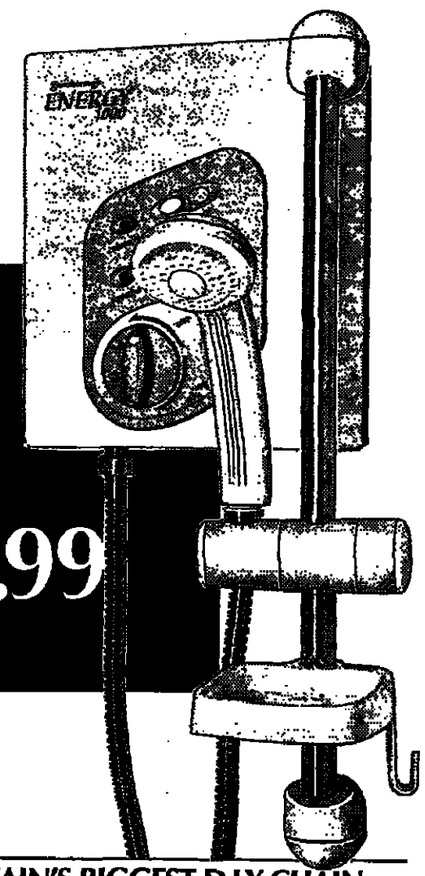
Paris: The crews of two French gas tankers sailing to Algeria refused to put into port yesterday because there was insufficient security, maritime sources said. The owners of the *Tellier* and the *Descartes* said that their crews were under no pressure to dock at Skidda and Arzew. *(Reuter)*



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They call us bandits, but this is simply hooliganism, say Chechens incensed by bombing bomber raids

Rocket onslaught sets Grozny's oil refinery ablaze



Richard Beeston, the only British newspaper reporter in besieged Grozny, reports that Russian bombers are blasting the city's fuel dumps

LIKE a giant bird of prey that had just spotted its latest victim, the Russian bomber streaked down over Grozny, unleashing a salvo of rockets into the Chechen positions below and pulling sharply out of its dive.

Again and again the aircraft returned to the besieged city yesterday, bombing and strafing the frontline positions of Chechen fighters to the west, the north and the east of Grozny and sending the few remaining civilians scuttling for the nearest shelters. The Chechen defenders looked on helplessly as the attacks continued.

"They call us the bandits, but this is simply hooliganism," said Aslambeg Schelipov, watchman at Grozny's huge oil refinery, located near the frontline Karpinsky Hills; it was hit repeatedly yesterday.

As the old, gold-toothed Chechen cursed the Russians, a huge fire burnt out of control behind him after bombs had repeatedly struck an oil storage tank containing 50,000 tonnes of crude. Two antique fire engines from the Grozny fire brigade arrived to douse the blaze, but they were useless against the flames which rose hundreds of feet into the air and blanketed the city in an eerie black smoke.

The action of the Russian bombers was matched by the Russian helicopter gunships and artillery batteries that kept up a deafening barrage against the Chechen defences throughout the day.

"The Russians know we can beat them on the ground so they must resort to this type of cowardly warfare," said Omar Haji, a barrel-chested Chechen commander, whose bushy black beard, green beret and combat fatigues would have made him welcome in any guerrilla army from Beirut to Bosnia.

He claimed that Russian advances on Wednesday near the airfield at Khankala, about five miles from the town centre, had been halted overnight and that the Russians had pulled back yesterday after they had lost several tanks and armoured personnel carriers.

His claims were validated in part by the gruesome sight of the body of a Russian soldier who was paraded in a grisly display at one of the town's main roundabouts. One Chechen fighter said he had knocked out an armoured personnel carrier from a few yards away with a rocket-propelled grenade and showed me photographs and a letter he had taken from one of his victims.

The pictures showed a young Russian soldier holding a rifle and wearing combat trousers and a middle-aged woman, who must have been the boy's mother. "I don't enjoy killing these kids, but we are only defending ourselves," said the fighter who refused to give his name. "None of us here wants to be fighting: we all have other jobs to do, but until the Russians leave our country we will fight for our homes." There is a strong sense in Grozny that no matter what the Russians throw at them, the citizens can ultimately prevail. The delay in the Russian advance has allowed the previously disorganised authorities to establish a fairly efficient system of defence and for the first time the Chechens appear to be fighting like an army. Although there is still no water in the capital and electricity is often cut, the city is in many ways better prepared to fight than, for instance, the Bosnian Government was when the siege of Sarajevo began three years ago. Main routes in and out of the city remain open in three directions and goods, petrol and even weapons appear to be flowing into the defenders judging by their easy availability at the town market. In addition, Grozny's residents appear to have become resigned to the prospect of a lengthy siege. "We are still prepared to sit down with the Russians and talk peace," Yandarbiyev Zelimkhan, the Chechen Vice-President, said. "But first they must take their forces out of our country. We will wait until they are ready to meet our terms."

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Colonel General Boris Gromov, who has spoken out against Moscow's action in Chechenia, comforts a Russian soldier wounded in the fighting

Russians kill fellow countrymen

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN GROZNY

SOME of the most poignant victims of the Chechen war are Russians killed or made homeless by their fellow countrymen.

Among the casualties of last week's bombing whose names I was able to identify, most were Russian. Much of the Chechen population of Grozny had already fled to relations in the countryside. The Russians by contrast had nowhere to go without abandoning their homes and possessions.

Before the Chechen secession in 1991, almost a third of the 1.2 million people in the region and Ingushetia were ethnic Russians. By this autumn, after three years of Chechen nationalist pressure and general disorder, about 150,000 remained. Last week there still appeared to be tens of thousands of Russians in Grozny.

They are descended from Cossacks who settled in the north Caucasus from the 17th century, or were moved there to police the frontier; from subsequent waves of Russian peasant settlement; and, more recently, from workers sent to develop industries under Soviet rule.

In recent years there has been considerable pressure on Russians to leave, especially where they are settled on what is regarded as traditional Chechen land, such as in Pervomaiskoe, north of Grozny. Ironically, the Russian army has succeeded where Chechen nationalists failed: after two weeks of intermittent bombardment of the village on the front line, most of the Russians have fled. In Grozny, Nina Dmitrievna, described how Chechen women had beaten her to try to force her to leave her flat and let them move in, and how the local police had done nothing about it.

Other Russians in the capital, however, still seem to like the Chechens, and solidarity with them has increased since Moscow's military intervention. Natalya Mikhailovna, 58, a shopkeeper, said: "God sees everything and will judge who is right in this war. But as for me, all I ask is to be allowed to live and die here. My ancestors came here as Cossacks from Russia, centuries ago, but I am too old to set out back again."



An ethnic Russian cooks in the open in Grozny

Troops in holiday mood

BY MAXIM KORZHOV

WAR or not, Russian troops in Chechenia are determined to get in a holiday mood this week.

New Year's Eve, long celebrated by Russians with a *yolka* (Christmas tree), is the biggest holiday of the year. Yuri, an 18-year-old soldier who was helping to decorate a roadside tree this week, said jokingly: "We should have decorated it with hand grenades and incendiary shells."

Other soldiers had unloaded five firs from an armoured vehicle and set them up at the Interior Ministry troops' roadblock at Chechenia's border with Ingushetia, on the strategic Rostov-Baku road. The checkpoint is about 30 miles from Grozny and quiet except for the occasional buzz of aircraft or the distant thud of artillery.

"Life is normal here," said Yuri, who declined to give his full name. "We are going to stay for a long time."

A look at the roadblock seemed to confirm his view. Troops had dug trenches and were building a traditional Russian bathhouse from logs.

Yuri said soldiers got the spruce trees from local residents, adding that the Russian troops' relations with the villagers were generally good.

But Volodya, another young soldier, said: "The Ingush are like wild beasts. Every time they pass our roadblock they curse and threaten to kill us."

Lieutenant-Colonel Vladimir Makarenko, 43, their commander, was hardly in a holiday mood. "I am going to be celebrating my fifth New Year in a row at a war," he said. "It all started in Nagorno-Karabakh in 1989. I am fed up with it." *(AP)*

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Zia asks opposition MPs to rescind mass resignation

FROM AHMED FAZL IN DHAKA

KHALIDA ZIA, the Bangladeshi Prime Minister, asked the opposition yesterday to rescind their mass resignations from parliament aand said her Government would resign a month before elections which are due in February 1996.

Begum Zia's statement was her first public pronouncement about the political crisis that led to a general strike yesterday and the opposition MPs' resignations on Wednesday in support of demands that the Prime Minister should resign immediately to allow elections under a neutral caretaker government.

"I myself and my Government will step down 30 days before the elections ... I believe the opposition will realise what they have done was wrong and harmful to the country ... and will return [to parliament]," she told a rally in the southern district of Khulna.

There has been no reported response to Begum Zia's comments, which echoed views she expressed on Wednesday in last-minute negotiations with the opposition. In Dhaka, the capital, hundreds of demonstrators streamed into the streets yesterday to enforce the general strike, spreading fear of political violence and civil disorder.

"The Government and parliament have lost their legitimacy after our resignation," Shaikh Hasina Wajed, the main opposition leader and leader of the Awami League, said yesterday.

The strike, which halted public transport, closed banks and businesses and crippled government machinery in Dhaka and three other large cities, is to be followed by three consecutive days of strikes in Dhaka next week.

Panic spread in the capital's congested streets as home-made explosives were let off by people enforcing the strike. The police reported clashes between security forces and demonstrators in the city centre where several contingents of paramilitary troops were deployed.

"The prospects of widespead political violence breaking out in the city cast an ominous shadow over the future of democracy," Matrur Rahman, editor of *Bhorer Kagoj*, said.

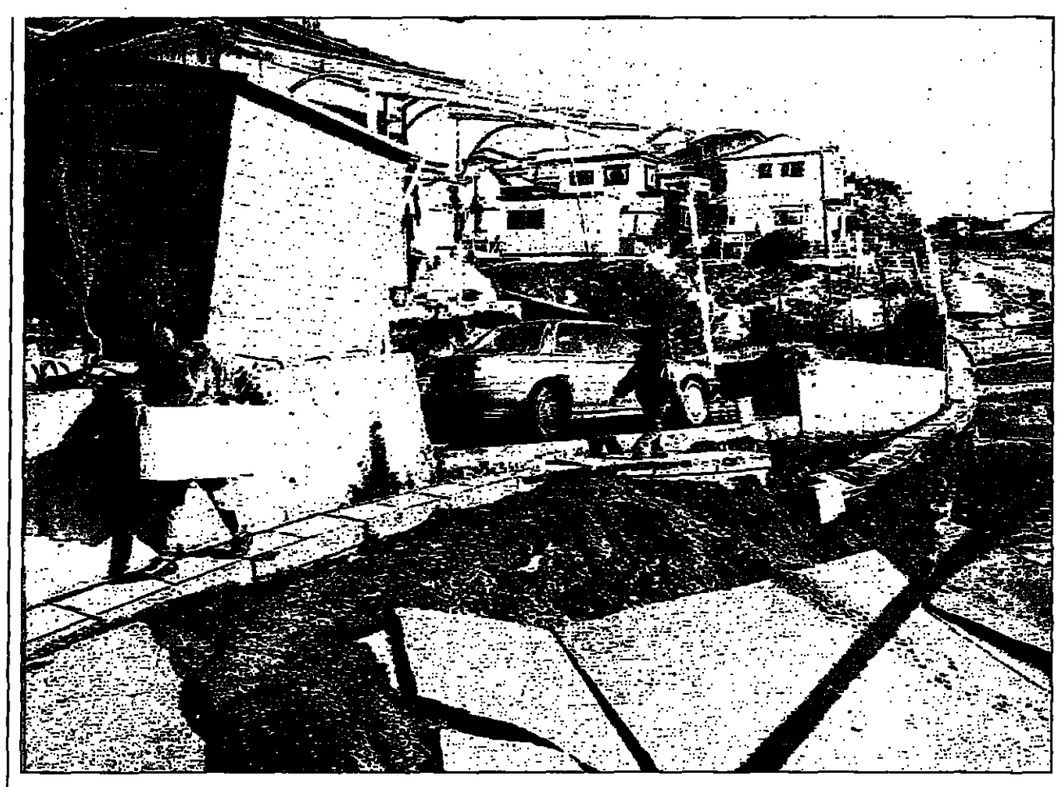
For more than 16 of its 23 years of independence, Bangladesh has been ruled either by martial law or army-backed dictatorships. Democracy was restored in 1991 after Hussain Ershad, the President, was overthrown.

Government leaders tried to allay public fears of a crisis and Abdus Salam Talukder, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party Secretary-General, said: "We are looking into the possibilities of holding by-elections in the seats vacated by the opposition."

Such polls would be difficult to organise in remote villages with opposition groups threatening to disrupt the electoral process. Under the country's constitution, such polls must take place within the next 90 days, giving the Government little time to decide whether to hold them or dissolve parliament and call early national elections.



Wajed: "Government has lost legitimacy"



A woman carries a box of clothes from her earthquake-damaged home along what remains of a road at Hachinohe, northern Japan, yesterday. The quake struck on Wednesday night, killing at least two men and injuring 249 people. A series of aftershocks rumbled through the region yesterday hampering relief and repair efforts. The men who died were customers at a crowded pinball parlour that collapsed in Hachinohe, 248 miles north of Tokyo, as the earthquake struck the northern tip of Honshu Island, registering 7.5 on the Richter scale. The death of a 75-year-old woman from a heart attack in a nearby town, however, was not directly linked to the quake, the police said. *(AFP)*

Victims flee quake

Summit endorses Syria's stance

FROM REUTER IN ALEXANDRIA

LEADERS of Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia ended a two-day summit in Alexandria yesterday by endorsing Syria's position in its deadlocked peace talks with Israel and calling on Iraq to implement United Nations resolutions.

President Mubarak of Egypt, President Assad of Syria and King Fahd of Saudi Arabia also urged the world community to work to remove obstacles that they claimed Israel had placed in the path of the peace process. The three leaders, who held extensive discussions on Wednesday and met briefly yesterday, also said that they wanted the Middle East to be free of weapons of mass destruction, particularly nuclear weapons.

In a statement given to reporters at the end of their summit they also said that peace in the Middle East needed to be based on UN resolutions calling for a withdrawal of Israeli troops from occupied Arab lands and on the principle of land for peace.

Delhi suffering kidnap plague

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

DELHI, one of the world's largest and most polluted cities, has a new claim to infamy: kidnappings.

There have been 700 this year, more than half of which involved children, according to official figures. Hundreds more cases, resolved once ransoms were paid, have never been reported.

The notorious lawlessness of the plains of northern India is fast reaching the nation's capital, whose police cannot cope with the booming population, now about 11 million and increasing by the month. The city has burst its borders and is spreading into the neighbouring states of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, unleashing an unprecedented crime wave.

Several kidnap gangs are believed to have arrived in the capital in search of ransom targets. Delhi, like all of India, contains tremendous wealth, which is held by a relatively small number of people who go to extraordinary lengths to protect themselves from the majority who are poor.

The upper middle classes panicked after a child was kidnapped from a school some months ago. Police officers were immediately stationed outside schools in better-off areas and many parents kept their offspring at home for a while. Roadblocks were set up at night so that the police could search cars for hidden children. Many better-off neighbourhoods have started sealing their streets at night with iron gates.

There is a boom in the *chowkidar* (watchman) business. The sound of a soft, "all is well" whistle throughout the night is part of the Delhi middle-class landscape; when a watchman sounds a shrill whistle there is trouble at hand.

Kidnappings have long been a way of life in industrial towns such as Ghaziabad and Faridabad where wealthy industrialists are invariably accompanied by armed guards. The children and grandchildren of the rich are often escorted to and from school by personal bodyguards — not a common sight in the capital yet, but presumably it soon will be.

Gangs are ingenious in their methods. In a recent kidnapping two women posing as mourners abducted a 22-month-old boy from a house during a wake after posing as distant relatives of the dead man. To make themselves more convincing, they were accompanied by an eight-year-old girl — surely the youngest member of a professional kidnap gang. Such kidnappings are either for ransom or conducted on behalf of a rich family desperate for a son.

Islanders fight to keep sea at bay

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

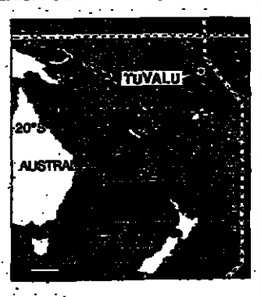
PRESIDENTS Clinton and Yeltsin might well be kept awake at night by affairs of state, but not, one assumes, by the actual loss of state.

For two presidents on opposite sides of the earth, however, no issue is more pressing than the fact that their island nations are slowly sinking into the sea.

President Latasi of the tiny Pacific island nation of Tuvalu said yesterday that he get frightened whenever he hears heavy waves crashing on the beach outside his office. President Gayoom of the Maldives in the Indian Ocean has even hosted an international conference of small island countries to plan how to deal with the problem.

Any rise in the sea level could be a catastrophe or a disaster for this country," Mr Gayoom said. "It is a serious threat since all of our land is less than 3.5 metres (11ft 6in) above mean sea level."

Global warming from the so-called "greenhouse effect" is the main cause of the rising seas, threatening the 1,200-odd atolls that make up the Maldives, known chiefly as a holiday destination. Scientific opinion is divided, but some experts predict a rise in mean sea level of 2.4 inches a decade over the next century.



"With all the evidence that is showing up almost every day, it is worrying," President Latasi told Australian radio yesterday. "The people are beginning really to get worried. The rise of the sea has never been like this before."

With United Nations help, Tuvalu has been trying to reinforce its coastline with concrete blocks, but these are breaking up under strong waves. "Although [the islands] are not disappearing in a week or a month's time, I think we have to do something before things get worse," President Latasi said.

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MARSHALL CAVENDISH

1995: anniversaries of the year

Jack Lonsdale finds events to remember in the year to come, from VE-Day to Buster Keaton's birthday



All over Britain people joined hands and danced in the streets to celebrate VE-Day, May 8, 1945, the end of the Second World War in Europe

JANUARY

1 J. Edgar Hoover (1895-1972), director of the FBI 1924-72, born, Washington
2 Count Bernadotte (1895-1948), Swedish diplomat and humanitarian, born, Stockholm
3 Josiah Wedgwood (1730-95), potter, died, Etruria, Staffordshire
6 Jacques-Etienne Montgolfier (1745-99), French pioneer balloonist, born, Annonay
10 William Laud (1573-1645), Archbishop of Canterbury 1633-45, executed, London
12 The National Trust founded, 1895
24 Lord Randolph Churchill (1849-95), statesman, died, London
26 Arthur Cayley (1821-95), mathematician, died, Cambridge
Jacqueline du Pré (1945-87), cellist, born, Oxford



British Museum's Portland Vase, smashed in 1845

FEBRUARY

1 Dorothy Osborne (Lady Temple) (1627-95), letter-writer, died, Moor Park, Hertfordshire
Giacomo Insanguine (1742-95), Italian organist and composer, died, Naples
John Ford (1895-1973), American film director, born, Cape Elizabeth, Maine
2 John Nichols (1745-1826), printer and author, born, London
Hannah More (1745-1853), religious writer, born, Stapleton, Gloucestershire
4 The Yalta (Crimea) Conference of Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin began, 1945
6 Babe Ruth (1895-1948), American baseball player, born, Baltimore
7 The Portland Vase in the British Museum was smashed by a visitor, 1845
10 Ary Scheffer (1795-1858), French painter, born, Dort
11 Quintin Hogg (1845-1903), philanthropist, founder of Regent Street Polytechnic, born, London
14 Sir William Rothenstein (1872-1945), painter, died, Gloucestershire
Second World War: Dresden bombed by RAF and USAF, 1945
18 Sir Richard Baker (1568-1645), historical writer, died, Fleet prison
Nicola Fago (1677-1745), Italian composer, died, Naples
21 Robert Southwell (?1561-95), Jesuit and poet, executed, London
22 Sydney Smith (1771-1845), wit and clergyman, died, London
24 Ignaz Lachner (1807-95), German organist and composer, died, Hanover
Charles Marie Widor (1845-1937), French organist and composer, born, Lyons
25 Henri Martelli (1895-?), French composer, born, Bastia

MARCH

2 Sir Thomas Bodley (1545-1613), diplomat and scholar, born, Exeter
3 Alex Voormolen (1895-?) Dutch composer, born, Rotterdam
5 Sir Henry Rawlinson (1810-95), Assyriologist, died, London
8 Saint John of God (1495-1550), Portuguese founder of the Brothers Hospitallers, born, Montemor-o-Novo
10 Charles Frederick Worth (1825-95), couturier, died, Paris
12 Anne Frank (1929-45), author of *The Diary of a Young Girl*, died, Belsen, 1945
14 Robert Pearsall (1795-1856), composer, born, Bristol
15 Charles Dibdin (1745-1814), composer, actor and impresario, born, Southampton
18 Sir Robert Walpole, 1st Earl of Orford (1676-1745), statesman, died, Houghton, Norfolk
20 Lord Alfred Douglas (1870-1945), poet, died, Lancing
22 The first public showing of a film on screen, given by the Lumière brothers, Paris, 1895
23 Stephen Donoghue (1884-1945), jockey, died, London
Dane Rudhyar (1895-?) American composer, born, Paris
26 David Lloyd George, 1st Earl Lloyd-George of Dwyfor (1863-1945), Prime Minister 1916-22, died, Llanystumdwy, Caernarvonshire
27 Wilhelm Konrad von Rontgen (1845-1923), German physicist, discoverer of X-rays (1895), born, Lennep
28 Second World War: last V-rocket fell on Britain, 1945

APRIL

3 Melchior D'Hondecoeter (1636-95), Dutch painter, died, Amsterdam
Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco (1895-1968), Italian composer, born, Florence
5 John Wilson (1595-1674), musician, born, Faversham
Sir Henry Havelock (1795-1857), general, born, Bishop-Wearmouth
9 Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-45), German Protestant theologian, executed, Flössenberg
11 Frederick John Lugard, Baron Lugard (1858-1945), colonial administrator, died, Abinger Common
12 Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945), 32nd President of the US 1933-45, died, Warm Springs, Georgia
13 Jean de La Fontaine (1621-95), French poet, died, Paris
17 Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz (1651-95), Mexican poet, scholar and nun, died, Mexico
19 Christian Ehrenberg (1795-1876), German naturalist, born, Delitzsch
20 Johan Henrik Kellgren (1751-95), Swedish poet, died, Stockholm
23 Henry Vaughan (1622-95), poet, died, Llsaintffraed
24 Captain Joshua Slocum set out on the first solo voyage round the world in the sloop *Spray* (completed on June 27, 1898), 1895
25 Torquato Tasso (1544-95), Italian poet, died, Rome
Thomas Duncan (1807-45), painter, died, Edinburgh
28 Benito Mussolini (1883-1945), executed by partisans, Azzano, Italy
Charles Sturt (1795-1860), explorer in Australia, born, Bengal
29 Sir Malcolm Sargent (1895-1967), conductor, born, Ashford
Second World War: Surrender of Italy at Caserta, 1945
30 Adolf Hitler (1889-1945), committed suicide, Berlin
Gustav Freytag (1816-95), German novelist, died, Wiesbaden



Rudolph Valentino, Italian silent-film star, born 1895

MAY

2 Lorenz Hart (1895-1943), American lyricist, born, New York
3 Thomas Hood (1799-1845), poet, died, London
6 Rudolph Valentino (1895-1926), Italian silent-film star, born, Castellaneta
7 Second World War: Final capitulation of Germany to General Eisenhower in Rheims, 1945
8 Second World War: VE-Day (Victory in Europe), 1945
10 Jacques Nicolas Thierry (1795-1856), French historian, born, Blois
11 William Grant Still (1895-1978), American composer, born, Woodville, Massachusetts
12 August Wilhelm von Schlegel (1767-1845), German poet, died, Bonn
Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924), French composer, born, Parmiers
19 James Boswell (1740-95), biographer of Samuel Johnson, died, London
Jose Marti (1853-95), Cuban poet, died, Dos Rios, Cuba
21 Franz Suppé (1819-95), Austrian composer, died, Vienna
23 Sir Charles Barry (1795-1860), architect, born, London
26 Saint Philip Neri (1515-95), Italian priest, died, Rome
Sir Thomas Talfourd (1795-1854), judge and author, born, Reading

JUNE

8 Christian Huygens (1629-95), Dutch mathematician, died, The Hague
Andrew Jackson (1767-1845), 7th President of the US 1829-37, died, Nashville, Tennessee
13 Thomas Arnold (1795-1842), headmaster Rugby School, born, Cowes
14 Victory of the Parliamentarians under Cromwell at Naseby, Northamptonshire, 1645
17 Richard Harris Barham (1788-1845), author of *Ingoldsby Legends*, died, London
22 Henry Moore (1831-95), painter, died, Margate
24 William Smellie (1740-95), naturalist, died, Edinburgh
Jack Dempsey (1895-1983), world heavyweight boxing champion 1919-26, born, Manassa, Colorado
29 Thomas Henry Huxley (1820-95), biologist, died, Eastbourne
Foundation stone of Westminster Cathedral laid, 1895

JULY

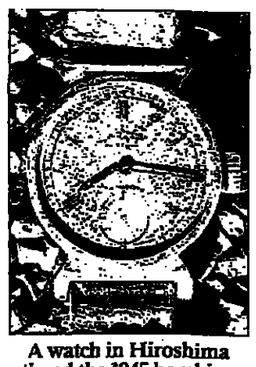
2 Sir Peter Chalmers Mitchell (1864-1945), zoologist, died, London
4 Thomas John Barnardo (1845-1905), philanthropist, born, Dublin
Francis (Frank) Holl (1845-88), painter, born, London
5 John Curtin (1885-1945), Prime Minister of Australia 1941-45, died, Canberra
Gordon Jacob (1895-1984), composer, born, London
10 Carl Orff (1895-1982), German composer, born, Munich
12 Henrik Arnold Wergeland (1808-45), Norwegian poet, died, Christiania
Oscar Hammerstein II (1895-1960), American composer and librettist, born, New York
12 Kirsten Flagstad (1895-1962), Norwegian soprano, born, Hamar
17 Charles Grey, 2nd Earl Grey (1764-1845), Prime Minister 1830-34, died, Howick
The Potsdam Conference of Churchill, Attlee, Truman and Stalin, began 1945
19 The *Mary Rose* sank in the Solent, 1545
20 Paul Valéry (1871-1945), French poet, died, Paris
24 Robert Graves (1895-1985), writer and poet, born, Wimbledon
26 The *Great Britain* sailed from Liverpool on her maiden voyage, 1845
Labour won the general election in a landslide victory, 1945
28 Emma Alice Margaret (Margot) Asquith, Countess of Oxford and Asquith (1864-1945), died, London

AUGUST

2 Pietro Mascagni (1863-1945), Italian composer, died, Rome, 1945
5 Friedrich Engels (1820-95), German philosopher, collaborator of Karl Marx, died, London
6 Second World War: An atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima by the US aircraft, *Enola Gay*, 1945
9 Sir Bernard Partridge (1861-1945), *Punch* artist and cartoonist, died, London
14 Second World War: Surrender of Japan on board the *USS Missouri*, 1945
15 Second World War: VJ-Day (Victory in Japan) 1945
16 Jean de La Bruyère (1645-96), French essayist, born, Paris
Heinrich Marschner (1795-1861), German composer, born, Zittan
19 Subhas Chandra Bose (1897-1945), Indian revolutionary, died, Taiwan?
26 Alessandro Cagliostro (1743-95), Italian charlatan and adventurer, died, San Leo
29 Hugo Grotius (1583-1645), Dutch statesmen, died, Rostock
The Northern Rugby Football Union (renamed Rugby League, 1922), was formed at Huddersfield, 1895
31 François-André Philidor (1726-95), French composer, died, London

SEPTEMBER

3 Pietro Locatelli (1695-1764), Italian violinist and composer, born, Bergamo
6 The Cape of Good Hope was occupied by British forces, 1795
7 John William Polidori (1795-1821), physician and author, born, London
11 Vinoba Bhave (1895-1982), Indian social reformer, born, Gagode, Gujarat
15 Anton von Webern (1883-1945), Austrian composer, died, Mittersill, Austria
16 John McCormack (1884-1945), Irish tenor, died, Dublin
Karol Rathaus (1895-1954), Polish composer, born, Tarnapol
17 Saverio Mercadante (1795-1870), Italian composer, born, Altamura
18 John Diefenbaker (1895-1979), Prime Minister of Canada 1957-63, born, Grey County, Ontario



A watch in Hiroshima timed the 1945 bombing

21 The '45 rebellion: Jacobite victory at Prestonpans, 1745
26 Béla Bartók (1881-1945), Hungarian composer, died, New York
28 Louis Pasteur (1822-95), French chemist, died, St Cloud

OCTOBER

1 Liaqat Ali Khan (1895-1951), first Prime Minister of Pakistan 1947-51, born, Karnal, Punjab
3 John Christopher Smith (1712-95), composer, died, Bath
4 Buster Keaton (1895-1966), American silent-film actor and director, born, Piqua, Kansas
6 The first Promenade Concert, 1895
8 Juan Perón (1895-1974), President of Argentina 1946-55, 1973-74, born, Buenos Aires province
10 London School of Economics founded, 1895
12 Elizabeth Fry (1780-1845), prison reformer, died, Ramsgate
15 Pierre Laval (1883-1945), French politician, head of the Vichy government, executed Paris
19 Jonathan Swift (1667-1745), satirist and clergyman, died Dublin
Lewis Mumford (1895-1990), American sociologist, born, Flushing, New York
23 George Edward Saintsbury (1845-1933), critic and historian, born, Southampton
24 Vidkun Quisling (1887-1947), Norwegian collaborator, executed, Oslo
The United Nations came into being, 1945
25 Sir Charles Hallé (1819-95), pianist and conductor, died, Manchester
29 William Hayley (1745-1820), poet, born, Chichester
31 John Keats (1795-1821), poet, born, London

NOVEMBER

1 The Bank of Scotland founded, 1695
2 James Knox Polk (1795-1849), 11th President of the US 1845-49, born, Pineville, North Carolina
6 Jiří Benda (1722-95), Czech composer, died, Köstritz
11 Jerome Kern (1885-1945), American composer, died, New York
12 Sir John Hawkins (1532-95), naval commander, died, at sea off Porto Rico
16 William Broome (1689-1745), writer, died, Bath



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Paul Hindemith (1895-1963), German composer, born, Hanau
Michael Arlen (1895-1956), novelist, born, Rustchuk, Bulgaria
19 Hubert Waelrand (1517-95), Flemish composer, died, Antwerp
Thomas Linley (1733-95), composer and teacher, died, London
20 The Nuremberg war crimes tribunal began, 1945
21 Henry Purcell (1659-95), composer, died, London
22 John Byrne Warren, 3rd Baron de Tapley (1835-95) poet, buried Cheshire
27 Alexandre Dumas *fils* (1824-95), French dramatist and novelist, died, Paris
28 Giovanni Colonna (1637-95), Italian composer, died, Bologna
29 Anthony à Wood (1632-95), antiquary and historian, died, Oxford
Busby Berkeley (1895-1976), American choreographer, born, Los Angeles

DECEMBER

1 Henry Williamson (1895-1977), author, born, Lewisham
2 Johann Simon Mayr (1763-1845), German composer, died, Bergamo
3 Sir Rowland Hill (1795-1879), promoter of penny postage, born, Kidderminster
4 Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881), essayist and historian, born, Ecclefechan
10 Thomas Holcroft (1745-1809), dramatist, born, London
Sir Frederick Pollock, (1845-1937), jurist, born, London
13 The Council of Trent opened, 1545
14 George VI (1895-1952), reigned Dec 12 1936 - Feb 6 1952, born, Sandringham
Paul Eluard (1895-1952), French poet, born, Paris
21 Leopold von Ranke (1795-1886), German historian, born, Wiehe
George S. Patton (1885-1945), American general, died, Heidelberg
23 Johann Zelenka (1679-1745), Bohemian composer, died, Dresden
26 Roger John Keyes, 1st Baron Keyes (1872-1945), Admiral of the Fleet, died, Buckingham
28 Theodore Dreiser (1871-1945), American novelist died, Hollywood
31 A Window Tax was imposed, 1695

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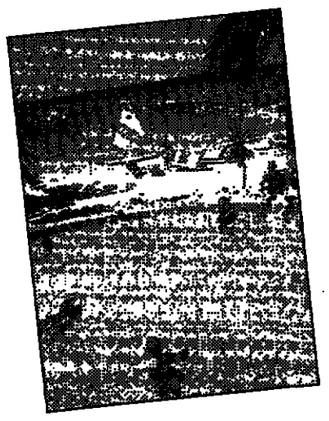
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Three months after the Estonia sank, **Walter Ellis** finds out how one survivor copes with survival

'I realised she was dying, but I couldn't move to help her'


CHRIS HARRIS

Paul Barney pulled an Estonian girl out of the Baltic and hugged her. Minutes later, like the others, she was dead

The front door of Bere House, a modest Georgian mansion set in the Berkshire hills, gives onto a narrow passageway, beyond which lies the main corridor and the stairs. A rugby ball lies squashed by the door; a single ski is propped up against one corner. On the wall beyond, just where the stairs begin, hangs a tattered naval flag, conserved behind glass, with the inscription: "Ensign flown by HM's LCI (L) 123 in typhoon, South China Sea, March 1946."

The typhoon in question had very nearly sunk the LCI (L), Admiralty-speak for Landing Craft Infantry (Large) just off the Philippines towards the end of a perilous, 10,000-mile voyage from Falmouth. An SOS was sent out as the ship was swamped by mountainous seas, and catastrophe was averted only through the last-minute intervention of a Royal Navy cruiser.

For Paul Barney, destined to survive the *Estonia* ferry disaster in the Baltic Sea 48 years later, the epic story of how his stepfather, Brian Henry, then a young naval officer, had lived through the storm, later to marry his widowed mother, must have been a childhood inspiration. In his wildest dreams he cannot have imagined that he was doomed to repeat the experience, with no friendly cruiser to save him and in the company of the dead.

More than 800 people, mainly Swedes and Estonians, died when the *Estonia*, bound from Tallinn to Stockholm, sank in heavy seas on the night of September 27. Just 135, nearly all men, survived.

Barney, a key witness, relives the horror daily in his mind, and his sleep is broken by recurring nightmares. His principal solace comes from the realisation that slowly he is regaining control.

"At the time I first described what happened, it was intense. Reliving it was as real as my everyday existence. It was like a video replay. I almost felt secure within the experience. It was voyeuristic. I almost felt guilty for thinking about it."

Other disaster survivors will recognise this guilt syndrome. Barney is naturally fluent and articulate, but his anxiety to tell the truth, and not embroider it, has instilled a hesitancy and moral diffidence into his speech. Properly, and bravely, he has shrugged off the "hero" tag attached to him by several of the tabloids. He acknowledges that for practically the entire duration of the disaster, his first, and most powerful, instinct was to preserve his own life and make it back to land.

When the storm hit, several hours after the 7pm departure from Tallinn, Barney was asleep on the floor of the cafeteria. He had been in Estonia for only a few days to attend a development conference and had not bothered to reserve a cabin. This fact alone helped to save his life.

When he was awakened by the crashing of tables and chairs all around him, he was shocked by the realisation that the ship had started to list.

"There was stunned silence in the cafeteria. No one moved. I was the one who was despairing at the futility of it all and crying out what the bloody hell was I going to do. Others stood rooted to the spot, frozen like soldiers who have come under fire for the first time, not knowing how to react. Maybe if there had been more people prepared to act and do something, more might have survived."

With the bow doors ripped off and the sea pouring in, the *Estonia* clearly did not have long to live. Walls became floors and floors ceilings. Barney paused only to recover his fleece jacket, which he thought would protect him against the cold, before clambering along a series of pipes towards the outer hull. At one point, he debated whether or not to cross a flooded section of the ship in an attempt to grab an exposed lifebelt, but, unlike an Estonian companion, decided against it at the last moment. Instead, he forced his way towards an exit door and made his way tortuously onto the upturned hull.

"I began to walk along the hull looking for a liferaft. A group of us found one that was inflating and we threw it in and jumped in after it. When I jumped, the ship was at 95 degrees to the water. The moon was up and there was a short spell of relative calm in the storm.

"A lot of people were screaming. They were very loud, even in the wind. I was shouting and calling for a lifejacket when I found one almost in front of me, floating in the water. I tried to climb on to the raft. But there were 16 to 18 of us, and our combined weight, all on one side, caused it to flip over. All we could do was climb on to the underside and hang on."

Once aboard the upturned raft, Barney noticed a blonde girl, an Estonian, in the water, struggling to join him. He reached down and helped to pull her up, hugging her close to him, partly out of hysteria and compassion, partly to keep warm.

"Then the weather worsened again. It was really severe and the waves came over the top. I was thrown off. The girl, too. We were separated. We both managed to get back onto the raft, but by then I was in such shock that I decided to fasten myself to the raft with the ties from my lifebelt. She was away from me by now and there were two or three dead people between us. I went into self-preservation mode at this time. I realised she was dying, but I couldn't move to help her. I would have needed the strength of Samson." Barney remembers with fascinated horror the mechanics of catastrophic death.

> 'Before this happened, my life was going all right. I had things sussed'

"A lot of people would grab onto you in their final throes. They would lunge around and thrash their arms and legs. We managed to save one man when we saw his eyes were rolling, but he was still in control of his limbs. If people made certain sounds, you knew they were dying."

By the time the helicopter that saved them appeared on the scene, some five and a half hours after the sinking, just six people on the raft remained alive. The extreme cold had taken most of those who died. Others succumbed to the waves. At one point, the raft had actually been caught in the searchlight of a rescue ship, but no one had seen them.

Later, a helicopter managed to lower a frogman to within a few feet of their heads, only to raise him again when it was discovered there was some kind of fault in the winch mechanism. One man who tried to grab hold of the frogman's retreating legs drowned when he lost his hold and fell back into the sea.

The pilot of the second helicopter, arriving shortly after dawn, managed to hover immediately overhead in spite of a 30ft swell. He had never, he said, flown in worse conditions. One by one, the six survivors were winched aboard. Barney, whose body temperature had dropped to a potentially fatal 28C, was the last to go.

"I felt safe as soon as I made the helicopter," he recalls. "I immediately gave over responsibility to them. The first thing that happened was my legs gave out. Cramp. Up to then, adrenalin had kept them going, but now I didn't need them any more."

Three months later, back in Berkshire, Barney has completed his initial period of convalescence. He says: "I'm beginning now to feel more like the person I was. But I am more moody. I definitely get more depressed. I'm not so capable of being on my own as I was. I'm only just beginning to be able to earn my living again. The work I do doing people's gardens, local planning issues, helping in the school playground, is dwarfed by the experience I've been through."

For the moment, his mother Jan provides the bulk of day-to-day sympathy and understanding. But, as well as his work, he has resumed house-hunting in the area and helps to run a fundraising campaign to aid the families of *Estonia* victims. Having a girlfriend would undoubtedly have helped his recovery, but a long-term affair ended abruptly shortly after his return to England. "It should have finished earlier," he insists, "but not being in a relationship doesn't help."

Because he was one of only two British survivors, Barney had to deal with the inevitable curiosity of the media: "I had to decide whether to cut myself off from it or to explore my experience and work through it. I decided to go with it. I needed some kind of cathartic process."

One result is next week's documentary from Meridian TV (*For Those in Peril — a Survivor's Story*, January 3, 7.30pm). A book is to follow.

"Before all this happened, my life was going all right", he reflects from his sanctuary in Bere House. "I had things sussed. What happened was a jolt. It put a lot of things into perspective. I realised I had been ignoring my spiritual side, which I had begun neglecting in the Eighties. So now I'm asking myself the basic questions again: where are we going and what does it all mean? You've got to get something out of the experience. Otherwise it would drag you down."

When rage has wheels

What should you do when an angry driver has you in his sights? **Giles Coren** investigates

A YOUNG woman's description of how she escaped death after being run off the road by a maniac at the wheel of a Volvo brings to mind Steven Spielberg's 1971 film *Duel*, in which a terror-stricken motorist is hunted down by a lorry, driven by an unseen but undoubtedly homicidal maniac. That was America. It would never have happened here.

Unfortunately, it happened to a 20-year-old on the M6 near Knutsford in Cheshire. Driving home around midnight, she pulled over from the middle lane to allow the Volvo to overtake. Instead, the driver pulled alongside and accompanied her for half a mile at 70 mph, then dropped back to "tailgate" her before swerving in front of her and braking. She lost control of her car, careered across the motorway, broke through a fence and landed upside down in a field.

The police used words such as "lunatic" and "unacceptable" to describe the incident. But there is a new term being used today, imported from America. "Road rage," says Rayner Peett, of the Automobile Association. "That's what it sounds like. All the classic symptoms are there. A driver feels that someone else on the road has impeded him, and takes revenge.

"In this case the Volvo driver probably thought the Peugeot was in the wrong lane. The flashing headlights and then the swerve in front and sharp braking are common tactics."

THE TERM has been in currency in Britain for about 18 months. It was used in the case of the 78-year-old man who died in May when he came to blows with another driver after an overtaking incident in West Yorkshire. It was used to describe the state of mind of a man who stabbed another driver with a screwdriver because he felt he had been cut up on the M27, and again in the case of the clergyman's wife who beat up a woman over a parking space in September.

In America up to a hundred people a year are killed in traffic disputes. "It hasn't yet reached those proportions in Britain," says Mr Peett, "but at this time of year the figures are worse. If someone has been involved in a family row, or is travelling unwillingly to visit relatives, he may be more inclined to show aggression. It is usually men who are guilty of this, and women who suffer.

"The fact that the Volvo drove alongside the Peugeot suggests that he was making sure his victim was a woman. I have never heard of a driver taking out his road rage on a burly HGV driver."

Other typical victims are *Sunday drivers who meander* at their own speed down the road and, when they fail to give way to a road-hog, feel the brutal expression of his wrath. "Urban areas are the worst," says Mr Peett,


Tailgating: a real threat

"because stress levels are higher." The AA advises drivers faced with this sort of aggression to pull over at the first available petrol station or well-lit inhabited area. Even pulling over at an emergency telephone can discourage the aggressor, as can a portable phone.

There are no road rage figures: to the police it is simply dangerous driving. Inspector Paul McElroy, at the Traffic Committee of the Association of Chief Police Officers, was sceptical about the term. "This sounds to me like straightforward bad manners and bad driving," he told me. "If he pulled alongside to check she was a woman then it was a calculated criminal act. Her reaction may have been to slow down or ignore him, and that tipped him over the edge.

"But road rage implies a heat-of-the-moment reaction, and there can be no excuse for this. It is the action of an antisocial, criminal type, the sort of person who goes out looking for a fight, but that day is at the wheel."

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A nation's philosophy is less about abstractions than gut reactions

Fanny Cradock did more than Wittgenstein to change the lifestyle of her time. She certainly did more than Wittgenstein (an abstracted eater in college who paid little attention to what was on his fork) to cheer up the way the British dine. Ludwig was brought up on good cooking, as he was on good literature, art and music. But once he arrived at Cambridge, he reached the conclusion *Wovon man nicht schmecken kann, darüber muss man schweigen*: "Whereof one cannot taste, thereon one must keep one's mouth shut".

Mrs Cradock, the pioneering television cook, brought glamour into the kitchen and made a puritanical nation think of food as an enjoyable activity rather than a painful duty. "Pass the frying-pan, Johnny" and a sprig of rosemary were improvements as slogans and devices on a joint with two veg and "Eat up your greens". She led the British out of the era of cordon brown gravy into our age of star chefs and foodies tasting their way around the latest restaurants, studying the food critics and discussing new sauces as earnestly as new books. Nietzsche, a cruder philosopher than Wittgenstein, may have had grounds for writing in *Ecce Homo* in 1888: "The English diet, compared with the German, even with the French, is a sort of back-to-nature diet, a return to cannibalism. This diet, I think, gives heavy feet to the mind — Englishwomen's feet." Untrue and unkind, since Fanny darted around the television studio, and more cerebral cooks such as Elizabeth David changed the British attitude to food.

Good cooking is an art. To cook a delicious meal and serve it up on time takes skills of imagination, organisation and improvisation in a crisis to make the best of a bad job similar to delivering an article by deadline. Man is a cooking animal, as much as a speaking or toolmaking or litigating animal. *Cookery* is the second oldest profession.

Literature supports this Bunterish opinion. The fundamental binary opposition, after that between male and female, is the one between raw and cooked. After descriptions of violent death, the most common stock chorus in the foundation document of Western literature is detailed instructions of how to barbecue. Fanny Cradock was no Homer, but she would have approved of his practical recipe for roasting the fat and the lean meat. From Esau with his craving for a mess of pottage and Jacob with his mock-venison savoury to Alfred burning the cakes, cookery has been a deep literary parable.

Language supports the importance of cookery. No other human activity, not even sex, creates so many metaphors. Man can exist without reading or talking or looking or listening to music, though it may not be much of an existence. He cannot exist without eating. And since Nebuchadnezzar was described as an ox on all fours eating grass, life without cookery has been an image of beastly degradation.

Our latest verbal foody fad, from a McSuper McFabulous hamburger standardised all over the world, has created the McJob (for a menial task with no future) and other dismissive Mc- prefixes. It is impossible to open one's mouth without letting out the sound of cookery. Politicians will have their kitchen cabinets, irritating grander persons who are not invited into the kitchen because they could not stand the heat. We *boil* with rage, *bake* with heat, and *burn* with love or jealousy. If we are not in a *pickle*, we are in a *stew*, *hot water* or *cut up* and made *mincemeat* of. The *upper-crust* look down on the *chicken-hearted*, the *sheepish*, *sandwich-men* and such leftovers from the linguistic larder. Celebrities have a longer *shelf-life* for their stomachs than their artistic or political activities. More people remember Dame Nellie Melba for burnt toast and peaches and cream than for her soaring Gilda on crackly records. And Karl Nesselrode's acts at the Russian court are forgotten by all but historians. His pie made of chestnuts, cream and preserved fruits flavoured with rum, as served by Proust, keeps his name alive.

The lasting legislators in life and language are the Fanny Cradocks. Subsidiarity is a *mess* for most of us. But kitchen language is a *piece of cake*. The most eloquent philosopher of the stomach was not *half-baked* when he noted that the discovery of a new dish does more for human happiness than the discovery of a new star or the passing of a new law.

Paul Johnson says Labour could now succeed in power, so long as it avoids the old pitfalls

The lessons Blair can learn from Wilson

The Conservatives plan to use material in the newly released *1964 state papers to alarm voters* about a forthcoming Labour government under Tony Blair. It is true that Harold Wilson's first Government, formed at the end of 1964, was set on a disaster course almost from the start. It is also true that, superficially at least, there are echoes in Blair's political vernacular of the Wilsonian rhetoric about "forging a new Britain in the white-heat of the technological revolution".

But Blair, it seems to me, stands a much better chance of running a successful administration than Wilson did. That chance will be enormously reinforced if he studies Wilson's mistakes and learns to avoid them. There were *three in particular*.

First, Wilson assumed he was inheriting a dozy administration which needed to be activated by a huge input of socialist energy. He fell for his own rhetoric about "thirteen wasted years of Tory rule". Hence his absurd slogan about "the first hundred days in office" — pinched from John F. Kennedy — during which miraculous initatives would be taken, and the accompanying aim of "getting the economy moving again". In fact, the mistake made during the Macmillan and Douglas-Home years was trying to do too much too quickly, with inadequate resources. Wilson would have done better to spend his first three months in office carefully assessing existing programmes, deciding which were worthwhile and should be reinforced, and which should be scrapped.

Instead, he began with a frenzy of activity. Unlike Blair — and this is the chief difference between the two — he brought with him a vast amount of ideological baggage, and the party waited eagerly while he opened it. Much of it blew up in his face. His errors were compounded by an absurd theory that economic policy should be determined by what he called "creative tension" between the Treasury and the new economic super-ministry he created under George Brown. The idea, for which I suspect Dr Thomas Balogh was responsible, was that the Economics Ministry would produce a "thesis", the Treasury an "antithesis", and the Cabinet would then "hammer out" a Hegelian "synthesis", which would thus become the right policy.

But there is more than enough tension in Cabinet at the best of times, all of it destructive. Deliberately encouraging it was ridiculous. The tension was compounded by the new economic super-minister himself, because George Brown was a one-man source of catastrophic rows, vendettas and resentments. He kept the Government in a state of uproar, envenomed by his manifest belief that he, rather than Wilson, should be running it. As a result, much of the Cabinet's energy, and most of the Prime Minister's, went into feuding, plotting and the elaboration of conspiracy theories. The most important lesson Blair can learn from this is to establish or continue friendly relations with his chief colleagues. He should not try to tamper with the machinery or methods of government, at any rate to begin with, but should concentrate on making them work more smoothly.

Secondly, he should avoid the mistakes of all three post-war Labour governments, by keeping a tight grip on spending right from the start. When Wilson took office in 1964, he was far too generous. He cannot fairly be called profligate, but, given the weakness of sterling, the Government began by overspending, and further jacked up its plans in order to win the 1966 election (the white elephant Humber Bridge was a typical example). The result was a major financial crisis in July 1966, inevitably producing a round of savage and hastily-prepared spending cuts. The Wilson Government never recovered from this showdown, which disrupted all its long-term plans.

I blame Wilson for this initial failure to control spending, because he had been through it all before. The Attlee Government of 1945, though austere in many ways, was also too ambitious about capital spending, and paid the penalty with the big crisis of 1947, from which it likewise never recovered. Not only did Wilson fail to learn from 1947, he never took on board the lesson of 1966 either. When he took office again in 1974, there was the same reluctance to get spending under control, and the same penalty, two years later, when Denis Healey was hauled back from Heathrow in panic and the IMF was put in temporary charge of the nation's finances.

It is important for Blair to grasp that tight spending controls imposed deliberately and rationally at the outset of a government are far less cruel and destructive than a panic round of enforced spending cuts. Such emergency cuts have to be cobbled together in 24 hours, and usually make no sense at all. Blair must never allow his government to go through such a searing and avoidable experience, and if he wants a description of the full horrors he has only to ask Tony Benn, who kept a blow-by-blow account of the last occasion in his diaries.

Thirdly, Blair should examine the extent to which all Wilson's efforts were wrecked by the unions. All experience shows that when a socialist government takes power, not just in Britain but all over Europe, there is an abrupt rise in labour demands and union militancy. Wilson's 1964 Government was bedevilled by strikes and go-slows from the start, many of them, as he put it, "caused by a small group of politically-motivated men". The result was a gradual build-up of frustration culminating in the notorious *In Place of Strife* crisis in 1969, the last nail in Wilson's coffin.

Blair may say and believe that the unions are no longer a problem in Britain. It is true that the legal immunities they enjoyed, the main cause of trouble in the 1960s and 1970s, were removed by successive Thatcher statutes. The lesson Blair must learn is the absolute necessity of keeping these laws intact. Any erosion at the behest of the unions would be fatal. As it is, Blair is already committed to the minimum wage and the EC's social chapter, both calculated to whet union appetites. The unions retain the potential to inflict grave damage on the economy. In the past decade, the British people have become accustomed to living in a largely strike-free society, and nothing will damn a new Labour government more dramatically in their eyes than a recurrence of labour unrest. Blair should circulate to his colleagues a Labour Government Health Warning: "Unions Can Kill".

The great advantage Blair enjoys is that his, and our, expectations are now infinitely more modest than were Wilson's. If he changes a few things for the better and avoids disaster, we shall be very grateful.

She's nothing like a dame

Maggie Smith will have nothing of pretension and rolls of honour — but happy 60th to a magnificent talent

Bernard Levin

So at last the years have caught up. I never thought it would happen, or indeed *could* happen, but the merciless ticks of the clock have the dates to prove it, and there is no escaping the truth. Yes, Maggie Smith — Dame Maggie — is thirty, and a year from now — it is a dreadful thought to all who love her (starting with me), but it is true — she will be twenty-nine. That doesn't worry her in the least; trivial things such as *birthdays may come and go, but being* twenty-eight means nothing serious to her; she just shrugs and gets on to her next role. Mind you, she must have the patience of a dozen saints; the last time I saw her on the stage, a year or so ago, she was in a revival of *The Importance of Being Earnest*, and some idiot director had made an appalling blunder, casting her as Lady Bracknell instead of the role for which she had obviously been chosen: Gwendolen. (It is just as well that she doesn't care for ticking off the years from the calendar, because the idiot director had opened the play, blunder and all, on her birthday — she was twenty-seven.)

When did I first see her on a stage? In those days, there was something called revue, and it had an astonishingly long life; I know that Maggie (can I drop the Dame bit, if only because she will make a face and start me giggling?) had played in that, and I think I can remember a tall, astonishingly slim beauty, with hair so red that I believe there was a fire-engine on call by the stage door every night, but I don't recall anything she did.

I didn't have long to wait. The Old Vic seasons there were crammed with talent, but Maggie could hold her own; I swear I can still hear, in the performance she gave in *The Double Dealer*, my first introduction to that unique and almost unbelievable voice — a voice that can be recognised five miles upwind, and which when it is in full cry can wake babies the other side of Inverness, *yet can start tears from hardened* sinners like me with not more than half a dozen words spoken in that voice of shivering beauty.

And I can prove it. Edith Evans, an eccentric but gloriously talented artist, coming to the end of her career, played Lady Bracknell for the last time. When the famous line "A *handbag?*" was *shrieked through the house*, everyone knew that it could never be bettered — first a tiny platform for the "A", then a falling inflection that turned upwards to storm heaven (suburban homes echoed with versions of the line for months on end) and finally the hard "g" to make all clear. Well, sooner or later, Maggie had to play the Bracknell (she hated the en*tire production and everything to do* with it, but that is another story), but what could she do with the line and Edith Evans's ghost mouthing it? Remember, it had to be a powerful cry, and she couldn't duck it. The theatre was agog waiting for her, and I swear there were real gasps as she sailed through the ordeal with a *version that nobody* could have bettered and nobody could have thought of, but which owed nothing to Evans. (The suburban homes were doubtless nonplussed, but she *couldn't help that.*)

I think that she became my heroine-for-life with her performance in Anouilh's *The Rehearsal*. In that marvellously balanced play (cruel, but in the end shallow; no — shallow is too unkind — let us say brittle), she was the victim of a love that had to be destroyed. Maggie never publicly talks about the way she puts a character together, and indeed she doesn't do so even privately, but I can hazard a guess that *The Rehearsal* is a play she has never forgotten. Well, if she wouldn't talk about it, everybody else did, and I certainly did — I can conjure her up — I'm doing so as I write — and I see again how she brought the play to life bit by bit until it stood, three-dimensional, amid the voices, the fear, the depth and the feelings.

Oddly, *Private Lives*, wasn't one of her best, but that was not her fault; I remember the shock I had when I realised how thin the play beneath the skin really was, and how we had all been mesmerised into believing that Coward was a playwright whose works will *endure, rather than one only for his* own time. She must have been more troubled than she let on, because she went almost at once (well, via *Peter Pan*) to a thing called *Snap*, so revolting and so far beneath her that I wanted to drag her off the stage and beat her black and blue.



Even she does not know how she prepares for a part

Instead, I was transfixed by a performance which even by her standards left me reeling. It was an enchanting play of Peter Shaffer's, called *Lettice and Lovage* (I wish somebody would revive it — it would certainly be worth doing so), and such was the warmth that the play gave out, with Maggie on her highest peak, you could have roasted chestnuts on it.

But the quality of the play and her playing are not only what I remember about *Lettice and Lovage*. The play was a three-hander: two women and one man. The man had only a small part; Maggie, of course, was the lead, and the other woman part was taken by Margaret Tyzack. Although the man had had only a scene or two, the other actress had a very large part — she was much more than a prop for Maggie. Well now, the play was hugely successful in London, and a New York run was being arranged. Whereupon the marvellously lunatic rules that govern American plays, players and playhouses, were wheeled onstage. Maggie, naturally, would take the lead part again, the male part was easily cast; but then the lunacy-shutter came down; the other woman's part would have to be taken by an American actress, and Margaret Tyzack would have to go home. Everybody happy? Well, then; lights, curtain, music!

Not quite. Maggie cleared her throat and had a word or two to speak. I greatly regret to say that some of the words she was heard speaking are not usually to be found in polite company; moreover, *many of the bystanders were astonished* to find that she even understood some of the other words she was using. And to what end was this fracas?

It was to say that if Margaret Tyzack, who had stayed with Maggie throughout the London run, was replaced by an American actress, Maggie was going home and she was taking her lollipops with her. In vain, did American Equity stamp its little foot and squeak its little voice: no Tyzack, no Maggie. It is called loyalty, and my beloved Maggie abides by it. I understand that both Maggie and Miss Tyzack had a very good season in New York.

I don't think you want me to recite the roll of her cups and medals and honorifics and Best Actress of the Years; for one thing, I couldn't count them, and for another thing, she couldn't count them either. Nor would you want me to try once more to explain how she does it; it is not that she would throw me down the stairs, but it is true, not a conceit, that she doesn't know herself. But that doesn't mean that she sails through a part hardly stopping to glance at the text. Anyone who knows her at work knows that she is a fiend — a fiend to herself, not others.

One of my most precious memories — not just one of my memories of Maggie, but one of the most moving and powerful memories of my life — is of a performance of hers that I was fortunate to see. It was in Stratford, Ontario, where she did many seasons, and in one of these, she played in *As You Like It*, with Rosalind's delightful epilogue, ending with a flourish:

> If I were a woman, I would kiss as many of you as had beards that pleased me, complexions that liked me, and breaths that I defied not. And I am sure, as many as have good beards, or good faces, or sweet breaths, will for my kind offer, when I make curtsy bid me farewell.

I was, as I say, at that performance, and I was to file my review when it was ended. The performance was one of the most glorious Shakespearean treasures of my life. I made that clear throughout my review, but when it came to the end of the play and the *envoi* I wrote this:

> She spoke the epilogue like a chime of golden bells; but what she looked like as she did so, I cannot tell you, because I saw it through eyes curtained with tears.

Meet again

A CONCERT in Hyde Park with Dame Vera Lynn topping the bill is planned as the centrepiece of VE-Day celebrations next summer. The Ministry of Defence has earmarked May 8 for its "VE-Night Concert", and talk in military circles is that the wartime nightingale will grace the stage.

Details of the concert will be announced on January 11, when John Major launches the Government's official programme of events to celebrate the 50th anniversary of VE-Day and VJ-Day. It will be preceded by a weekend of "public event activities" in the park.

Yesterday, Dame Vera was not available for comment, but a military source confirmed that she would be involved in the official celebrations. "And it's certainly on the cards that she'll be singing at the concert." This is in marked contrast to last summer's D-Day anniversary, when to the fury of veterans she was not invited to take part in any of the official commemorative events.

The original D-Day commemoration plans, set out by the PR man Sir Tim Bell and the Heritage Department, descended into farce and acrimony when veterans objected to proposals for spam-fritter-throwing contests and street parties. This time, Sir Tim is not involved, the Defence Ministry has taken over from Heritage and veterans have been consulted. "There was a slight hiccup before the D-Day celebrations," admits the former Chief of Defence Staff Lord Bramall, who has been drafted in to help for VE-Day. "But it will be right this time."



Rewrite

AMERICAN book editors are *reaching new heights of political* correctness. An author who recently used the phrase "old boys' network" was startled to find it changed to "old persons' network". Now Unesco too is adopting the new orthodoxy.

The UN organisation, from which America withdrew ten years ago in disgust over politicisation and mismanagement, has just announced a new edition of its seven-volume *History of Mankind* — which, it promises, will be no mere revision but "a radical new work". So far, it has not got beyond prehistory, but now that "mankind" is outlawed, the work has been retitled *The History of Humanity.*

● *As royal parties descend on the ski slopes, I have disturbing news from St Moritz. Lack of snow has forced the resort's smartest hotel, the Suvretta House, to import ice for its traditional new year ice-carving. "We brought it down from the summit and made a full-size replica of the hotel's eight-seater bus," says a spokesman. "Luckily it then snowed, so we were able to make a spare wheel."*

DIARY

Shaggy dogs

NEWS that the Queen recently used a soda-siphon to douse embers in a Windsor Castle fireplace failed to impress retainers at the Palace yesterday. They are, of course, dab-hands with a siphon when it comes to keeping trouble at bay. "Most of us used them for spraying the corgis," said one. "We used to get so fed up with them snapping around at our heels."

I am assured that Her Majesty was mostly oblivious to this abuse. "But she did occasionally seem curious about why the dogs were wet when it hadn't been raining."

Last ditch

THAT DOYEN of the hunting field Lord Kimball has reluctantly decided to hang up his breeches after 60 years in the saddle. "I subscribed to this season — and then discovered I'd lost my nerve," the former Tory MP tells me. "It just happened — nothing to be ashamed of. But I would just be a nuisance if I carried on."

At 66, Kimball has served time as a master of foxhounds, a huntsman and a follower of the great Leicestershire hunts, most notably the Quorn (where he shared the odd stirrup cup with the Prince of Wales) and the Cottesmore. But it all ended a fortnight ago. "I rode into a field and knew there was a fence at the other end with a horrid ditch. I *knew* I did not want to jump out," he explains.

Kimball may have jettisoned the saddle, but he is not abandoning the hunt altogether. "I shall give more time to its politics."

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Sixty years in the saddle: Lord Kimball

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DOWN MEXICO WAY

The peso's devaluation could turn out to be good news

Mexico is a medium-sized developing country a long way from Europe. But the merest hint of financial trouble "down Mexico way" sends shivers through markets across the world. So it has proved since the Government of President Zedillo abruptly reversed policy within three weeks of taking office, and devalued the peso just before Christmas. Investors have not forgotten 1982, when Mexico's announcement that it was unable to meet its obligations triggered the international debt crisis of the 1980s.

With $10 billion of short-term Mexican government debt falling due within the next three months, and just $6 billion left in its foreign exchange reserves, 1982 suddenly seems like yesterday. Free capital markets make the world a village. Mexico's membership of the North American Free Trade Agreement gives Washington a more direct and obvious stake in financial health of its southern neighbour than it had in 1982. But instead of reassuring markets, as logically it should, the prospect that the US will step in to bail Mexico out makes nervousness about Mexico translate into pressure on the dollar. Anxiety that this could, if sustained, drive US interest rates up further weakens confidence in the prospects of sustaining Europe's long-delayed economic recovery.

This is not, however, 1982 revisited. Mexico is a vastly better managed place than it was then: less in thrall to state regulation, vastly less protectionist, much less heavily in debt, and even somewhat less corrupt. President Zedillo's ministers are back at the International Monetary Fund this week working out an economic stabilisation plan, but the parallels with 1982 should, with sensible handling, end there.

A more apt comparison would be with Europe's exchange rate crisis of 1992. Like France — but with the excuse that years of profligacy made it important to reassure foreign investors — Mexico has for too long clung to an overvalued currency, and paid the price in faltering growth.

President Zedillo's best course, when he addresses the nation on Monday, is to put the next stages of reform, both political and economic, into fast forward mode. Politically, he has already made a start. As down payment on his campaign pledge to loosen the grip of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party on the levers of power, he has built bridges to the opposition parties. He has pushed through a radical programme to reform Mexico's legal and judicial systems — urgently needed to bolster confidence in the rule of law not just among businessmen, but in the general public.

Above all, after astutely pinning blame for the devaluation on a resurgence of the armed rebellion in the southern state of Chiapas, he has set about tackling the grievances of its Maya peasants. The Government's offer of peace talks has been accepted by the Zapatista movement's leaders. And it is taking concrete steps to redeem repeated, and unfulfilled, promises to divide and redistribute the huge, illegally acquired landholdings there. Miguel Limón, the new Minister for Agrarian Reform, has described these holdings as "particularly offensive" and acknowledged the "inequality and misery" underlying the Chiapas revolt.

Political reform was Señor Zedillo's avowed priority for 1995. But on Monday, he must give equal weight to the tough economic policies required to stave off a liquidity crisis, and to exploit the benefits of the devaluation. That means speeding up the privatisation of inefficient state monopolies — while deferring another campaign promise, to increase public investment by a quarter in 1995. That will cause pain; but if the economy picks up speed, Mexico's clouds could rapidly reveal a silver lining. This devaluation was clumsily handled, and has damaged the credibility of a novice Government which had sworn to permit no such thing. But with the important proviso that inflation is kept under control, it is just what Mexico needs to stimulate exports and achieve the economic miracle it has been striving for the past six years to bring about.

EYE IN THE SKY

April 1989: the Hubble telescope was sent into space

From bitter disappointments, triumphs come. Five years ago the Hubble space telescope was launched with hopes that it would unravel many of the mysteries of the universe. Floating high above the corrupting influence of the atmosphere, it promised images of unprecedented clarity, displaying the heavens as we had never before seen them. Science proposes, man disposes. Hubble's mirror had been shaped with every human care, but to quite the wrong curvature. The instruments designed to prove it had also been wrongly made, so that in tests on the ground all seemed well. Only when the telescope had been launched was it clear that its images, though good, were nothing like as sharp as they ought to have been. There was wringing of hands, followed by a chorus of recrimination. Too painful, now, to delve once more into that unhappy scene.

Few people then believed that today we would be able to celebrate the telescope as one of the greatest scientific successes of 1994. Twelve months ago the astronauts of the space shuttle *Endeavour* had recently returned to Earth after fitting new optics to Hubble to correct its flaws, hoping that this time all would be well. The first images removed all fears. Hubble renewed is paradise regained: a telescope so powerful that it could detect a dimly-glowing firefly at a distance of 8,500 miles, and distinguish that firefly from its mate even if they were glowing only ten feet apart. If Hubble could read, it would decipher the headline over this article from a dozen miles.

Among the most paradoxical of the telescope's results in 1994 was the finding that the universe appears to be much younger than the stars it contains. This emerged from a calculation of the distance to some variable stars in the constellation of Virgo. From this distance, and the recession velocity of the stars as recorded by their red-shift, it is straightforward to work out the actual moment of the Big Bang. Alas for cosmologists' peace of mind, this is a mere eight to twelve billion years, while there are stars believed to be at least 14 billion years old. In this instance Hubble has not found the answer, but it has performed the equally important function of posing a compelling question.

Hubble's all-seeing eye has also been pointed during 1994 at some of the very oldest objects in the universe, which to the Earth-bound telescope are merely blurs. They give evidence that the universe had a stormy infancy, full of ragged, awkwardly-shaped galaxies that have no counterpart among the younger generation. But for most non-specialists the Hubble highlight was the pictures it took of a much more familiar object, the planet Jupiter, as it was peppered with cometary fragments in July. The pictures showed more graphically than any words how planets have been shaped by collisions from space, the same kind of impacts that on Earth spelt the end for the dinosaurs 65 million years ago.

The splendour of the heavens has been one of man's greatest inspirations from earliest times. It is an irony not lost on astronomers that as the spread of technology begins to deny us a proper view of the sky through light pollution, that same technological virtuosity has produced an instrument able to provide such a perfect view as the Hubble space telescope. If we are blind below, we have at least our watcher in the skies. Long may it look into the distance.

THESE MELBOURNE CITY BLUES

There can be grace in defeat: there is none in defeatism

Defeat in an Ashes Test has always been harder to swallow than loss of a more prosaic kind, even to England supporters now inured to Australian supremacy. Yet nothing could be more dispiriting to lovers of cricket, not even a thrashing in the next Test by an even wider margin, than yesterday's response by Michael Atherton to his team's defeat at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

"It's hard to see us coming back from this," he muttered lugubriously to assembled journalists, after Warne and Craig McDermott had ensured that the day's play did not last for even an hour. "I've been through some lows this year," he added for sorry measure, " but this is one of the lowest." Asked of his team's prospects of winning the series — three Tests remain to be played — Atherton could do no better than to say feebly that "while it's mathematically possible, there's still hope". England's captain, we are unhappy to relate, did not even "talk a good fight".

A little spirited resistance in the press box, even after his team had succumbed so meekly, would have delivered an important message to Mark Taylor and his rampant, rugged men. For it is from a captain's reaction to defeat in one match that his team — and their opponents — take their cue for contest in the next. One can only despair of Atherton's defeatist utterances. He should, perhaps, have been sent the collected works of Sir Henry Newbolt for Christmas.

Now the sunset breezes shiver,
And she's fading down the river,
But in England's song forever,
She's the Fighting Téméraire.

Warne, who will scalp many more batsmen before this leg-spinning series is over, may have taken a hungry hat-trick; England may have scored their lowest total against Australia since 1958, and their third total under a hundred this year; a team may only have recovered once, in the history of the Ashes, to take a series after being two Tests down, and that may only have been because they could call on Don Bradman.

But the depressing facts should not have stopped Atherton from saying that his team would win the next Test at Sydney; that England would "give the series their best shot"; that his batsmen intended to go after Warne with a vengeance and hit him off his miserable length forever. Instead, despondent and woebegone, Atherton sang his Melbourne city blues. It was not a tune of which to be proud: grace under pressure used to be a feature of England's captains. Play up, play up, and play the game, Atherton!

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Fears on abuse of secrecy powers

From Mr John Wadham

Sir, The naming of members of the Intelligence and Security Committee, which is to oversee the work of the security and intelligence services (report, later editions, December 15), is welcome. Inevitably secrecy puts these services in a unique position to abuse their powers and, on behalf of their political masters, to use them in unacceptable ways.

The Intelligence Services Act 1994 sets up a regime which allows the committee to obtain information from the three services — MI5, MI6 and GCHQ. There are doubts about how effective the committee will be — one of the problems is access to information. If "sensitive", it can be withheld, unless the head of the service decides it is "safe to disclose it". The Secretary of State can order disclosure if it is "desirable in the public interest".

How can we be sure that the services will abandon their previous "need to know" principle?

Secondly, the structure in the Act is based on the need for the committee to request information, not on a duty of the services to supply it. The committee will know about controversial issues only if information is supplied to it. There is no guarantee that the service will provide it.

Thirdly, the definition of sensitive information is too wide. I submit it can be narrowed without any real damage to national security.

Whilst, rightly, the annual report of the committee must be shorn of information that might damage national security, the Act gives the Prime Minister a right to censor the report if it "would be prejudicial to the continued discharge of the functions" of the service. Might this not prevent the disclosure of matters that involved some abuse of those functions, or a scandal?

The Official Secrets Act 1989 will apply. They will commit a criminal offence if they disclose any information they possess. It will be no defence that the information is in the public domain already or that disclosure is in the public interest or caused no damage.

The committee is unfortunately not a committee of Parliament and therefore not directly accountable to Parliament. For instance, appointment to the committee after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition is in the hands of the Prime Minister, not of Parliament. Unfortunately this committee contains too many members who have held office in previous governments and in particular have been in charge of departments which have had a great deal to do with the three services. It appears to be a committee of "insiders". How independently it will act remains to be seen.

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A valued colleague

From Lord McGregor of Durris, Chairman of the Press Complaints Commission

Sir, Thank you, on behalf of Angus Macintyre's colleagues at the Press Complaints Commission, for the splendid obituary of him (December 23). Dr Macintyre joined the commission as an independent member a little more than a year ago. In that brief time his quiet judgment, clarity of mind and intellectual power to penetrate to the heart of issues under discussion gave authority to his views, and were turning him into a central influence upon the work of the commission.

Yours sincerely,
O. R. McGREGOR,
Chairman,
Press Complaints Commission,
1 Salisbury Square, EC4.
December 23.

Drugs control

From Mr Victor Robinson

Sir, I was interested to read your leader (December 27) concerning alcohol Prohibition and the tragic effect this had on life in the US. A similar situation exists in the world today regarding the marketing and consumption of illegal drugs and I regret that you missed the opportunity of drawing the parallel. Would that we could learn from past experience.

Yours faithfully,
VICTOR ROBINSON,
34 Rowan Road, W6.

Bread sauce

From Miss Prudence Raper

Sir, Like Mrs Prebble (letter, December 27) I lament the apparent decline of bread sauce, particularly since this deprives its devotees of an even more delectable treat: *cold* bread sauce.

This same decline seems to be affecting rice pudding, and with it the gourmet's ultimate favourite, cold rice pudding with jam.

Yours nostalgically,
PRUDENCE RAPER,
20 Jessica Road,
Wandsworth Common, SW18.
December 28.

The address on Mr P. M. Roth's letter yesterday should have been 52-54 Gray's Inn Road, WC1.

Labour's proposals on funding education costs

From Mr Jeff Rooker, MP for Birmingham Perry Barr (Labour)

Sir, I live in hope of a more mature contribution to the debate about funding higher education than that from my colleagues Ken Livingstone and Jeremy Corbyn ("Left angry at plan to tax graduates", report, December 28).

The Labour Party has repeatedly made it clear that the call on extra public resources for education will be dominated by pre-school provision and the 16-19 age group, and I myself am absolutely firm that higher education, like the NHS, must be free at the point of use. This, in my view, is the only way to protect access and to promote the concept of "open access" (a concept my colleagues on the left should support even though they do not espouse it). But like the NHS it is not free. It has to be paid for sometime by someone.

Access to HE for one in three, or even one in two, is restrictive. It denies access to the others, however well motivated or qualified they are, and in any event is based only upon access for full-time 18-year-olds. Where is the policy for access in HE for 28, 38 and 48-year-olds?

There are nearly half a million part-time fee-paying students in HE and 100,000 fee-paying distance learners with the Open University. A million or more of the 2.5 million students in the further education sector cough up fees. None of these have access to subsidised loans, let alone to the State-funded college fees at Oxbridge.

Higher education needs more resources and the choice of areas from which these can materialise is very limited: ie, more taxpayer-funding from increased taxation or raiding other areas of public expenditure, new sources (such as from industry and commerce) and funds from individuals who have already used and benefited from the provision.

There is every justification for people to make an investment in themselves. I see no reason to burden students with debt, but to be debt-free is not to be liability-free. That is why a small long-term, *but not open-ended*, liability to be met from earnings is an equitable way to invest in higher education.

Such a system would assist in creating conditions for student-centred learning programmes and for a life-long entitlement to HE. It would serve to meet the needs of part-timers and enable people to move within different modes of learning throughout their lives. Credits for learning could become universal, and employers of the best educated and highest earning would be able to make a specific contribution to the investment. Handled with imagination, it could offer hope for all those excluded from higher education.

Yours,
JEFF ROOKER
(Shadow Minister for Higher Education, 1992-93),
House of Commons.
December 28.

From Mr Colin Pickthall, MP for West Lancashire (Labour)

Sir, The debate about Labour MPs' children attending grant-maintained schools (report, December 19) is disingenuous. Society is now littered with Tory structures we wish to change; they are impossible to avoid.

Just as Labour MPs use trust hospitals (avoiding them would be ludicrous) so some of them will use grant-maintained or selective schools, and why not? A Labour Government will re-create a public education system in which there are no favourites and no favoured funding. This would mean returning GM schools to the same relationship with their communities and their education authorities as non-GM schools. It would not mean damaging them. Local school control is taken care of by the local management of schools system.

It would also mean ending selection, and removing the area cost adjustment — the mechanism that, in effect, allows extra funding for schools in the South East at the expense of the rest of the country. I calculate that a school student in Kent is assessed as requiring £130 more than a school student in Lancashire.

These are simple matters of fairness and easy to correct, and will no doubt be supported as strongly by Tony Blair and Peter Kilfoyle as any other Labour MP.

Yours sincerely,
COLIN PICKTHALL,
House of Commons.
December 20.

From Mr Patrick Finucane

Sir, The tax on graduates under consideration by the Labour Party would presumably be a graduated tax. Might it not work on a banded system, such as 40 per cent for first-class degrees, 25 per cent for second class and 20 per cent for third class?

Alternatively the bands might be reversed to provide learning incentives.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK FINUCANE,
91 The Street,
Boughton-under-Blean,
Faversham, Kent.
December 28.

Back pain guidelines

From Dr Chris Eccleston

Sir, The Government's Clinical Standards Advisory Committee is to be congratulated on producing a clearly written and academically supported set of guidelines for the prevention and treatment of back pain ("Backs to the wall", Body and Mind, December 22). Such guidelines are essential if we are to halt the rising incidence of people suffering from acute pain and, in particular, of those with chronic pain.

Even though it has been known for over 30 years that prolonged rest is harmful and impedes recovery, we regularly see patients suffering persistent pain who have been advised to rest for long periods after a first episode. As the new guidelines clearly state, in most cases bed-rest for longer than three days is undesirable.

This is only one example of the numerous changes in received practice that the guidelines tackle. Such a positive approach is, however, only the first stage in halting the rapid growth of a national problem. I would urge the Department of Health to include it as a priority "Health of the Nation" target.

Yours sincerely,
CHRIS ECCLESTON (Director,
Pain Management Programme),
Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases,
Upper Borough Walls, Bath, Avon.
December 22.

The road to Moscow

From Mr Vladimir Ashkenazy

Sir, In his article of December 21, "Another twist on the road from Moscow", Richard Morrison says that I "admitted spying for the KGB" on my fellow pupils. For the story to be presented in this way would, no doubt, have given satisfaction to the propaganda department of the Soviet Communist Party. The truth is different.

I have never admitted to spying on anybody in the Soviet Union — only to being recruited under pressure from the KGB, and I never did spy. My policy — as of many decent people in the Soviet Union — was to comply with the authorities on the surface, not in substance. In the end I provided no information for the KGB and as an ineffective "spy" I was fired. These facts are set out in full in my book *Beyond Frontiers*, to which Mr Morrison refers in his article.

Faithfully,
V. ASHKENAZY,
c/o Harrison/Parrott Ltd,
12 Penzance Place, W11.
December 28.

Unfair to vendors?

From Mr Charles Birt

Sir, Vendors at the principal auction houses pay insurance calculated on the hammer-price, which is frequently greatly in excess of the reserve price. In the event of the loss of the lot prior to the sale the insured sum is the reserve price. On the fall of the hammer the responsibility for the lot passes to the purchaser.

At no time is the vendor insured for the hammer-price if it exceeds the reserve. Not equitable, I suggest.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES BIRT,
Lock House,
St Julian Street, Tenby, Dyfed.

Life in Bethlehem

From Professor Bryan Reuben

Sir, Christopher Walker (report, December 24) is mistaken in suggesting that Bethlehem's present poverty dates from the start of Israeli military rule in 1967. What wrecked the tourist trade was the Intifada in 1987. Tourists were deterred by the rocks and Molotov cocktails. The old market became an amphitheatre for the "execution" of so-called collaborators. The Israelis had to beef up security, to everyone's disadvantage.

Meanwhile, not all is gloomy. The local Bethlehem administration reports a 25 per cent increase in tourism last year compared with 1992. The Palace Hotel occupancy has risen to 45 per cent from 25 per cent during the Intifada. There is still a long way to go but, so long as the Palestinians can keep their more violent elements under control, there is no reason why Bethlehem should not return to the prosperity it once enjoyed.

Yours sincerely,
BRYAN G. REUBEN,
7 Clarence Avenue, SW4.

Machine versus man

From Dr M. A. Plint

Sir, For 300 years this assumption has been accepted: that, if a man or a woman or a machine can all do a job equally well, then the machine should do it. To suggest otherwise, at least in business circles, is to be regarded as a heretic on the scale of a Galileo.

And yet this *is* only an assumption even though, like so many assumptions, it masquerades as an axiom.

Until we abandon it there is in fact no hope for the jobless of lower ability.

Yours faithfully,
M. A. PLINT,
8 Watermans Way,
Wargrave, Berkshire.

Homeless problem

From Sir Henry Marking

Sir, Those who have seen at first hand the charity Crisis at Christmas in action will confirm the splendid work it does. But these efforts to give food and shelter to the homeless last only seven days. What about the other 358 days of the year? The good work of charities, such as The London Connection and others, does not solve the problem, nor would they claim it does.

Very many of the homeless are unfortunates who are unable to compete on their own with the stresses and strains of life. Is the policy of care in the community to mean throwing them on the streets to fend for themselves?

Whether the solution lies in providing half-way houses, drink and drug rehabilitation centres or even some sort of institutional care is not for me to say. But surely the plight of the homeless in our great cities is a major social problem of our time which calls for urgent attention and action — and no doubt expenditure — by Government and by local authorities.

So far nothing effective is being done.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY MARKING,
6a Montagu Mews North, W1.
December 28.

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Note of dissent

From Mr Paul Thompson

Sir, The decision of The Queen's University of Belfast to end the playing of the national anthem at graduation ceremonies (report, December 22) is a sop to republicanism. Its replacement by the anthem of the European Union is a further concession to agitators on its ruling Senate.

Only the republicans, just one tradition out of over 40 at Queen's, have complained at the playing of the national anthem, but no suggestion has been made that it has dissuaded them from studying at Queen's. On the contrary, the new anthem may further encourage students from Northern Ireland to study in Great Britain.

The university bears the name of Queen Victoria in recognition of her founding it 150 years ago.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL THOMPSON
(Chairman, Queen's University of Belfast Conservative Association),
66 Donnybrook Street, Belfast.

Relief in Zaire

From Mr Robert W. Fanning

Sir, In her outline of relief efforts in Goma, Zaire (Red Cross Appeal, December 17), Ruth Gledhill referred to our organization as "bizarre" and identified Operation Blessing as "an American evangelical mission which believes in the power of prayer to help the refugees".

Operation Blessing is a Christian humanitarian organization. During our five months in Goma it has sent seven teams of volunteer medical professionals, who have treated an estimated 65,000 patients. We have spent $1.7 million on our relief efforts there, including the shipment of more than 110,000 lb of medicine and supplies.

Operation Blessing, which has provided $440 million in relief aid to help nearly 114 million people world wide since its inception in 1978, strives to meet both the physical and spiritual needs of those who are suffering. And, yes, we believe in the power of prayer.

Sincerely,
ROBERT W. FANNING
(Chief Operating Officer),
Operation Blessing,
977 Centerville Turnpike,
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23463, USA.
December 19.

Liberal disposal

From Mr Denis Meehan

Sir, To Dr Bradshaw's list of institutions not "conserved" by HM Government in recent years (letter, December 27) could be added local government, an impartial Civil Service and the very notion of the intrinsic value of public service as a good in itself.

Yours faithfully,
DENIS MEEHAN,
238 Upper Richmond Road,
Putney, SW15.
December 27.

Full fruit content

From Mrs Anita Telford

Sir, I see that a jar of raspberry jam that I bought recently bears the proud boast: "Made with real raspberries." Why should this statement be necessary, I wonder. On second thoughts it might be better not to know.

Yours faithfully,
ANITA TELFORD,
4 Timberyard Cottages,
Lewes, East Sussex.
December 28.

SOCIAL NEWS

The Princess of Wales will pay a working visit to Japan in February.

Birthdays today

Mr A.M. Allen, former chairman, UKAEA, 70; Mr Gordon Banks, footballer, 57; Professor Sir Roy Calne, surgeon, 64; Mr Anthony Cripps, QC, 81; Mr Geraint Talfan Davies, controller, BBC Wales, 51; General Sir David Fraser, 74; the Hon Sir Archibald Hamilton, MP, 53; Lord Harvington, 87; Sir John Houghton, former chief executive, Meteorological Office, 63; Lord Howick of



Bo Diddley, guitarist and singer, is 66 today

Glendale, 57; Air Chief Marshal Sir Edmund Hudleston, 86; Professor Dame Rosalinde Hurley, microbiologist, 65; Mr Timothy Mo, novelist, 44; the Right Rev Peter Nott, Bishop of Norwich, 61; Lady Oppenheimer, theologian, 68; Sir Albert Robinson, company director, 79; Professor A.H.R. Rowe, former Dean of Dental Studies, United Medical and Dental Schools of Guy's and St Thomas' Hospitals, 69; the Duke of Somerset, 42; Lord Terrington, 79; Sir David Willcocks, former director, Royal College of Music, 75; Mr Clifford Williams, theatrical director, 68.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Otto Kotzebue, navigator, Tallin, Estonia, 1787; Rudyard Kipling, poet and novelist, Nobel laureate 1907, Bombay, 1865; Stephen Leacock, humorous writer and economist, Swanmore, Hampshire, 1869; Sir Carol Reed, film director, Putney, 1906.

DEATHS: Jean Baptist van Helmont, chemist, Vilvorde, near Brussels, 1644; Robert Boyle, chemist and physicist, London, 1691; John Needham, priest and man of science, Brussels, 1781; Sir William White Baker, explorer in Africa, Newton Abbot, Devon, 1893; Amelia Bloomer, campaigner for women's rights, 1894; Rufus Isaacs, 1st Marquess of Reading, Lord Chief Justice 1913-21, Viceroy of India 1921-26, London, 1935; Romain Rolland, novelist and biographer, Nobel laureate 1915, Vézelay, France, 1944; Alfred North Whitehead, philosopher and mathematician, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1947; Trygve Lie, first Secretary-General of the UN 1946-52, Geilo, Norway, 1968.

Transvaal became a republic, 1880.

A petition addressed to Queen Victoria, signed by more than a million women appealing for public houses to be closed on Sundays, was handed to the Home Secretary, 1887.

Lord Pitt of Hampstead

The Government of Grenada will hold a State funeral for Lord Pitt of Hampstead in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, St George's, Grenada, on Saturday, January 7, at 3.00.

His body will lie in state at Parliament Building, York House, from 2.30 and proceed to the cathedral for the service.

BARRY GREENWOOD



Bruce Baxter, co-ordinator, left, Denis Harrison, painter and decorator, and Gary Wren, electrician, at work on a house being renovated for young people as part of Project John '93 - Homeskills, at Barrow-in-Furness

Homeless put roofs over their own heads

BY KATE ALDERSON

WHILE there may be few visible signs of homelessness on the streets of Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, the number of young people without a roof over their heads has increased along with rising unemployment. In the last 18 months the number of workers at the shipyard has been cut from 14,000 to 6,000. Male unemployment is 10.9 per cent, rising to 25 per cent in some areas.

A lack of suitable housing for young people, coupled with diminishing work prospects, prompted the establishment of Project John '93 - Homeskills. The project aims to renovate old properties and equip young people with the skills to carry out the work for themselves.

Anne Diss, a youth worker in Barrow and one of the project's two managers, says that she long ago recognised the links between unemployment and homelessness. "Homelessness is not such an obvious problem outside cities, but I was repeatedly encountering it in my work with young people. In Barrow people without a roof over their head will often be put up with friends or sleep on floors, but the problem still exists."

Inspired by a similar project in Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland, Ms Diss, local young people and a business magazine decided to tackle the problem at grass roots level.

"Project John is about involving young people in renovation work while they gain a national vocational qualification," Ms Diss said. "We currently have four properties from different sources, and we work with a number of other agencies. When the work is complete people will have created accommodation for themselves and other people."

The project, which has received donations from the Rank Organisation and the Francis Scott Trust, is now able to employ a full-time support worker for the next three years. The next step is to register as a co-operative and swell the housing stock to around 20.

Ten young people currently work on the project which was named after a young man in his twenties who died after overcoming a number of personal problems. "It seemed appropriate to name it after him," Ms Diss said. "He was on our minds when we set up the project last year, he was in his twenties, and showed great spirit."

Project John '93 — Homeskills has won one of two Touche Ross Ideas for Youth Awards in the 1994 Community Enterprise Awards sponsored by The Times *and Touche Ross and organised by Business in the Community. The Prince of Wales will present the awards in Manchester on February 8.*

Ruskin collection may move near his home

THE most comprehensive collection of the works of John Ruskin has been offered on permanent loan to Lancaster University by the small public school on the Isle of Wight which was set up to follow the principles of the Victorian writer and artist.

Bembridge School was founded in 1919 by Howard Whitehouse, its first headmaster, to follow the then revolutionary ideal that "every pupil has individual potential and should be encouraged to follow it". By following the Ruskin philosophy of education to meet individual needs Bembridge broke the education mould, and has continued the Ruskin tradition ever since.

Today, the school draws Ruskin enthusiasts and scholars from all over the world. It has many of his original manuscripts, oils and watercolours.

The school has decided to allow the collection to go to Lancaster, close to Ruskin's former home at Coniston Water which is now a museum, to allow greater access for scholars. Lancaster University hopes to receive £2 million from the National Lottery to create a purpose-built museum and, perhaps optimistically, to have the collection on permanent loan next year.

Jeremy High, Bembridge's headmaster, said: "Ruskin House at the school is open to all those interested in the work of Ruskin but it was felt that the collection should be more accessible and in an area where the artist and writer lived."

Since the collection was established after the First World War, it has been built up through donations from generations of supporters of the school and its principles. It is said to be worth millions.

Ruskin, who died in 1900 aged 81, became the first Slade Professor of Art at Oxford in 1869, when he settled at Coniston and where he spent the rest of his life.

Church news

Resignations and Retirements

The Rev William Davis, Vicar, Wickhambrook, Newmarket (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to retire as from January 31.

The Rev David Green, Vicar, Weymouth St Paul (Salisbury): to retire as from January 3.

The Rev Donald Lowe, Team Vicar, Melbury Team Ministry (Salisbury): retired as from December 15.

The Rev Gerald Newton, Priest-in-charge, Burythorpe, Acklam and *Leavening w. Westow (York): to retire as from April 30 1995.*

The Rev Malcolm Peach, Vicar, South Shields, St Hilda w. St Thomas and Curate-in-charge, united benefice of South Shields St Aidan w. St Stephen; (Durham): to retire as from October 31, 1995.

The Rev Royston Rathbone, Chaplain at HM Prison, Everthorpe (York): to retire as from December 31.

The Rev Kenneth Taylor, Priest-in-charge, Brinton, Birmingham, Hunworth, Stody, Swanton Novers and Thornage (Norwich): to retire as from June 30, 1995, and will receive permission to officiate from that date, same diocese.

6,000-year-old village found in Poland

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A LARGE prehistoric village 6,000 years old has been uncovered in Poland. Among more than 80 graves excavated so far are one with a copper diadem, and another of an archer with five arrows in a quiver at his back.

The diadem was part of a rich stock of copper grave goods, which are among the earliest metalwork known in Central Europe, according to Dr Peter Bogucki of Princeton University. The village, at Oslonki, some 120km (75 miles) northwest of Warsaw, was defended by a ditched enclosure and palisade.

Radiocarbon dates show that Oslonki was occupied between 4300 and 4000 BC. "It is worth noting that this is over 700 years older than the Iceman from the Alps," Dr Bogucki said. The Iceman was equipped with a copper axe, probably made in northern Italy, which is also among the earliest metal tools in that part of Europe.

Nearly 30 wooden longhouses have been found, their sites marked by rows of postholes, and the Oslonki community seems to have been quite a drain on the local environment. Timber cutting and land clearance, cattle-grazing and cultivation would soon have changed the ecosystem.

Dr Bogucki believes that the abandonment of the site around 4000 BC may have been due to exhaustion of resources in the vicinity. A pollen profile from a local bog, spanning the past 8,000 years, will help to document the history of the landscape and the human impact on it.

The village's defences suggest that there may have been broader competition for economic resources between these early settlers of the north European plain. The elaborate copper ornaments indicate the emergence of a society in which rank was marked by special insignia. The first farmers were not isolated pioneers, but efficient and organised communities.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.P.D. Brem and Miss E.B. Coutts

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Brem, of Lugano, Switzerland, and Liza, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jock Coutts, of Waresley, Cambridgeshire.

Mr A.J. Dunning and Miss L.A. Fagan

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Chris Dunning, of Poole, Dorset, and Lisa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Howard Fagan, of Dartmouth, Devon.

Mr S.D. Fothergill and Miss S.L. Balls

The engagement is announced between Simon David, younger son of Dr Colin Fothergill and the late Mrs Margaret Fothergill, of Danbury, Essex, and Sarah Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Balls, also of Danbury, Essex.

Mr M.D. Fourie and Miss A.L. Michel

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs D.J. Fourie, of Cape Town, and Anna, daughter of Mr V.E. Michel and Mrs H.A. Michel, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

Mr A. Hands and Miss J.M. Renshaw

The engagement is announced between Adrian, second son of Mr and Mrs Richard Hands, of Haywards Heath, West Sussex, and Joanna Margaret, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Myles Renshaw, of Appleby-in-Westmorland, Cumbria.

Mr C.J. Millerchip and Miss G.S. Bennett

The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Mr and Mrs Tony Millerchip, of Earlsdon, Coventry, and Gillian, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Tony Bennett, of Kingswood, Surrey.

Mr D.F.B. Sheridan and Miss A.J. Dook

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mrs Diana Sheridan, of Odiham, Hampshire and of the late Mr Michael Sheridan, and Amanda Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Dook, of Wargrave-on-Thames, Berkshire.

Captain C.L. Tickell and Miss F.H.F. Gifford

The engagement is announced between Captain Christopher Linley Tickell, Royal Engineers, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.L. Tickell, of Rangebourne Mill, Potterne, Wiltshire, and Fiona Helen Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.W.W. Gifford, of Fermoy Farm, Odiham, Hampshire.

Mr T.D.R. Votier and Miss A.M. Strang

The engagement is announced between Tim, only son of Mr and Mrs David Votier, of Oxshott, Surrey, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs William Strang, of Balerno, Lothian.

Latest wills

Recent estates include (net before tax):

Miss Mary Charlotte May, of Winchester, Hampshire £2,155,840

Violet Frances Evelyn Romer, of Rustington, West Sussex, £736,005

University news

Keele

Academic appointments

Marilyn P Place, Senior Physiotherapy Teacher, Department of Physiotherapy

Nora Richards, Senior Physiotherapy Teacher, Department of Physiotherapy

Sandra Robertson, Physiotherapy Teacher, Department of Physiotherapy

Irene O Sagnier, Language Assistant in French (Lectrice), Department of Modern Languages

Jacqueline Sheehan, Lecturer, Department of History

Patricia Smith, Temporary Lecturer, Department of Education

Jo Van Every, Temporary Lecturer, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology

Stephen Wilkinson, Temporary Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, previously Lecturer, Sussex University

Richard A G Williams, Temporary Lecturer, Department of Classics

Mathew D Wyman, Lecturer, Department of Politics, previously Research Assistant, Glasgow University

Research and Analogous Scales

Paul Bingley, Research Assistant, Department of Economics

Margaret E Bowden, part-time Research Fellow, Department of Health Planning and Management

Alan Brown, Research Assistant, Department of Physics (Electronic Engineering)

Aedin C Culhane, Research Assistant, Department of Biological Sciences

Jacek L Gonjakowski, Research Fellow, Department of Physics, previously Post-Doctoral Research Assistant, CNRS, Paris

David Holden, Research Assistant, Department of Physics

Darren J Hughes, Research Fellow, Department of Physics

Ian P Kilbride, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Department of Chemistry

John Knibb, Research Fellow (Biomedical Engineering), Centre for Health Planning and Management, previously Senior Physicist, St Bartholomew's Hospital, London

Joanna E Latimer, Senior Research Fellow, Department of Research Centre, North Staffs Health Authority

Jim Ogg, Research Fellow, Department of Applied Social Studies

Richard Parncutt, Research Fellow in Cognitive Psychology, Department of Psychology, previously part-time Lecturer, McGill University, Montreal

Carole J Savage, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Department of Communication and Neuroscience, previously Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Derby

Annette K Shrive, Research Fellow, Department of Physics

Barry Smalley, Starlink Computer Manager, Department of Physics, previously Postdoctoral Research Assistant, University College London

Simon G L Stromberg, Research Assistant, Department of Geography

Leslie Sutherland, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Department of Biological Sciences from January 1

Matthew Sydes, Research Assistant, Department of Psychology

James A White, Research Fellow, Department of Physics

Anthony Wood, Research Assistant, Department of Chemistry

Emma Wright, Research Assistant, Department of Chemistry

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You must keep your head whatever happens: put up with hardship, work to spread the gospel, discharge all the duties of your calling. 2 Timothy 4 : 5 (REB)

BIRTHS

ALEXANDER - On Christmas Eve 1994, to Rose (née Pumphrey) and Nicholas, a daughter, Clare, a sister for Lucy and Kit.

BERKLEY - Eleanor Amy to Ali and Tim 28th December, a sister to Katie. Welcome.

BRITTON On 28th December, to Carolyn and Anthony, a beautiful daughter, Ellena May.

FALCON - On Christmas Eve, to Victoria (née de Bunsen) and Andrew, a son, William, a brother for Ruby.

GRANT - To Hamish and Vanessa of Gogar Farm, Kenya, a son, born on Thursday December 29th 1994 in Australia.

HEDLEY-DENT - On December 22nd, to Judith (née Davies) and Christopher, a daughter, Eleanor Rose, a sister for Joshua.

HOPE - On December 20th in Wakefield, to Samantha and Jonathan, a daughter, Georgia, a sister to India.

PAKENHAM-WALSH - On December 20th, to Catriona (née Livingstone) and Richard, a daughter, Louisa Mary, a sister for Thomas and Alexander.

SINCLAIR-HORNE - On December 11th at the Wellington Hospital, to Annabel and David, a son, Joel Benjamin.

BIRTHS

SKINNER - On 23rd December 1994, to Amanda and Edward, a son, Henry McInnes.

STANCOMB - On December 21st 1994, to Ginny (née Kearney) and David, a daughter, Kitty, a sister for Rosanna and Pippa.

DEATHS

BAKER - On December 23rd 1994 in Eastbourne District General Hospital after an illness bravely borne, Michael Arthur, aged 74 years. Beloved husband of Jean and Diana (now deceased), dear father of Duncan and Caroline and *loving grandfather*. Funeral Service at Wilmington Church on Tuesday January 3rd at 2.30 pm, followed by interment. Family flowers only, but donations may be made to Eastbourne District General Hospital, Haematology Department, c/o Hatne & Son Ltd., 19 South Street, Eastbourne.

BAJINSKA-JUNDZILL - On December 28th, peacefully at home in Suffolk, Countess Maria, aged 91, beloved wife of the late Count Jan Ballicki-Jundzill and loving mother of Joseph, Maga, Astrid, Krys and Karolinka. Funeral Service at the Catholic Church of Our Lady and St John, Sudbury, Suffolk, on Tuesday January 3rd at 3.15 pm.

DEATHS

BARBOUR - On December 27th, most peacefully at his London home, Robert Warren, aged 65, much loved husband of Julie and father of Georgia, Kim, Warren and Mark. Funeral Service at St Mary's Battersea, Battersea Church Road, London SW11, on Friday January 6th at 11.16am. No flowers please. Donations, if wished, to Marie Curie Cancer Care at Ernest Larner & Son, 117 Falcon Road, London SW11 2PE.

BARRATT - Noelle Florence (née Derrington), translated to Elysium 23rd December 1994 and all the Trumpets sounded for her on the other side. Enquiries to Marsh & Son Funeral Directors, 56 Friarswood Road, Newcastle, Staffs., tel: (01782) 717019.

BELFRAGE - Julian, died peacefully on 28th December, very much loved husband of Victoria and devoted father of Rupert and Crispian. Family funeral at Putney Vale on 5th January. A Memorial Service will be arranged later.

BLANCH - Nancy Maud (née Holder) aged 88, peacefully at Joan Bartlett Nursing Home, Kensington. Beloved wife of William and cherished mother of Audrey. Funeral private. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Musicians' Benevolent Fund. Enquiries to Barnes and Sons, 112 Devonport Road, London W12 8NU, tel: (081) 743-4312.

BOYLE - Thomas Hungerford, loved husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully 23rd December 1994 at East Surrey Hospital. Funeral on Friday 6th January 1995 at 2.15 pm at St Peter's Church, Limpsfield. All enquiries and flowers to Ebbutt Funeral Services, High Street, Limpsfield, tel: (0883) 713767.

BRAY - John Patrick (Pat), suddenly on Christmas Eve, dearest husband, brother, father and grandfather. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to RNLI. Funeral at St Agnes RC Church, Hill Brow, Liss, Hants., at 1.30 pm Monday 9th January 1995.

DEATHS

BROWN - On December 26th 1994, peacefully at her home in Brockham, Kathleen Mary (Kay) aged 78 years. Requiem Mass at St Joseph's Church, Dorking, on Thursday January 5th at 11am. Family flowers only but donations if desired for St Catherine's Hospice, Crawley, may be sent to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dorking.

CAMPBELL of ESKAN - On 26th December at home, Jock, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at 12 noon on Tuesday 10th January at St Bartholomew's Church, Nettlebed. Flowers and enquiries to Tomalin & Son, Henley-on-Thames, tel: (0491) 573370. Details of Memorial Service to be announced later.

CHENEY - On 28th December, peacefully at home with her family, Mary Kathleen, beloved wife of the late Frederick William, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother after a long period of adversity which she bore with immense courage and cheerfulness. Funeral Service at 2.30 pm on Friday 6th January at Bossington Church, Houghton, near Stockbridge. Arrangements (0794) 513393.

CHIN - On 24th December, peacefully at home after a long illness, Ivan Henry. Funeral Monday 9th January at Honor Oak Crematorium, Brenchley Gardens, SE23 at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham.

COMPTON - On Christmas Day 1994 in Spain, after a brave struggle against cancer, Sheila Helen Christine Compton, MBE, younger daughter of the late Dr. Arthur and Mrs Nell Compton, MBE, formerly of Alexandria, Egypt. Dear sister of Moreen and much loved by all the family. She gave her body to the Anatomy Department of Cadiz University. Memorial service to be announced later. Donations, if wished, to The Royal British Legion, 48 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5JY or to The Dogs Home Battersea, 4 Battersea Park Road, London SW8 4AA.

DEATHS

CRADOCK - On 27th December, peacefully, Fanny, beloved wife of the late Major J. Whitby-Cradock. Private funeral service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Thursday 5th January. Flowers to R. Butler & Sons, 6 Station Road, Hailsham, tel: (0323) 840086.

DICKSON - On Christmas Eve, the long and eventful life of Charles Frederick Dickson O.B.E. ended peacefully to his 104th year. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Eileen. They loved each other dearly, and the bond between them was wonderful. Ken, his son, and his family, and many friends, *held him in the highest* regard. His character and his courage were admired by all. Charles Dickson served in France in the First World War with the 6th City of London Rifles. During the Second World War, he was Chairman of the Executive Council of the famous London Stage Door Canteen. He overcame apparently insurmountable difficulties to establish this entertainments centre for the forces, for which he was awarded the O.B.E. After the war, he was on the Resettlement Board for Commissioned Officers of the Forces. In business, he was Managing Director of Frigidaire, England, a General Motors subsidiary, later Vice Chairman and Executive Director of Crompton Parkinson, the international electrical group, and after retirement master-minded the rehabilitation of Robey & Co of Lincoln, who were in difficulties, though once a world-leader. He was also Commercial Director of Skyways involved in the Berlin Air Lift, and flying troops to the Middle East. He served on the Board of Governors of the Royal Marsden (Cancer) Hospital. His funeral is at St Mary's Church, Aldworth, Berks, on Friday January 6th at 1.45pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations in his memory to St Mary's Church, Aldworth, would be welcome. All enquiries to David Greedy, Funeral Directors, tel: (0344) 773741.

DEATHS

DALBY - Marcia born May 1907 died Christmas day 1994. Wife of the late Robert Dalby. Mother of Rosamond, John and Valla. Grandmother of Philippa, James, Robert, Ruth, Juliette, Colin and Alice. Great grandmother of Seven. Nicola, Claire, Hayley, Aled, Charlotte, Alistair and Conrad. Funeral Service at St. Edward King and Martyr, Castle Donington on Tuesday January 3rd at 2.45 pm. Garden flowers only please or donations if desired for St. Edward's Church may be sent to E.H. Allen 22 Eastway Castle Donington, Derby. Telephone 0332 810570.

DODD - Freda McLaren, on December 27th 1994 at her home in LLandecwyn, N.Wales, dearly loved wife of Peter, devoted mother of Hilary, James and Richard and a loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Service and Interment on Tuesday January 3rd 1995 at 11 am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu towards Multiple Sclerosis & Diabetic Association per Gwyn Williams Funeral Director, 16 Ty Canol, Harlech, (0766) 780408.

ELWORTHY - On 22nd December, suddenly, Geoffrey Colin at home in Mount Tamborine, Queensland, Australia (previously of Oxfordshire and Papua New Guinea) aged 77 years. Funeral 3rd January in Brisbane. No flowers, but donations to any Heart Foundation or Charity if desired.

EVANS - On 12th December 1994, Edwin Stuart Comer Evans, aged 60 years, of Grimsby, South Humberside. Beloved husband of the late Kathleen Bridget Evans (Kay) and a much loved stepfather of Pamela Cawthorpe. Service St James' Church, Grimsby, on Thursday January 5th 1996 at 1.30pm, followed by interment at Scartho Road Cemetery. Flowers and any enquiries to Kettle Ltd., 138 Granville Street, Grimsby, DN32 9PB, tel: Grimsby (01472) 355396.

FARMILOE - On Christmas Day at Petersfield Hospital, Leslie Brian Farmiloe M.C., aged 75 years, very much loved husband of Hazel, dear father of Jonathan and Guy and loving father-in-law and grandfather. Funeral Service at Chichester Crematorium on Thursday 5th January 1996 at 11 am. No Memorial Service at his request. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Macmillan Service, King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst.

FLEMING - On Christmas Day, peacefully, John Shane, aged 78. Memorial Service Christ Church, Shamley Green, Wednesday 4th January 11.30 am.

GOULD - On December 28th at his home in Spain, Geoffrey Hayward. Dearly loved husband and father.

GRAY - Colin, Lt. Col. R. E. (Retired), Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne. Died 24th December 1994 aged 74 years. Much loved husband of Joyce. A Service to be held at St. George's Parish Church, Jesmond on Wednesday 4th January 1995 at 12.00 noon. Followed by a Private Cremation at the West Road Crematorium. Family flowers only by request. Donations if desired to Cancer Research or The Army Benevolent Fund.

HENDERSON - On 25th December, suddenly in Sao Paulo Brasil, Charles James, aged 43, beloved son of Ralph and the late Miriam (Baby) Henderson.

HOMMERT - Peacefully on Christmas Eve after a long illness borne with great courage and dignity, Betty, devoted wife of John and much loved mother of Mary and Jutta and grandmother of Victoria. Anna and Caroline. Family service at St Michael's, Chalton, Friday 6th January at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research.

HOOTON - Colin, on 26th December 1994, peacefully after a long illness, borne with courage and cheerfulness. Loved and loving husband, brother, father and grampa and friend to many. Funeral at St Mary the Virgin, Buckland, Surrey, on Thursday 5th January at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, but if wished, donations to Haresfoot Marie Curie Centre, Caterham, Surrey CR3 6YQ. "For as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord".

JACKSON - On December 28th in Blandford Hospital, peacefully in her 78th year, Suzanne, wife of Bill, widow of Dr. John Curtis of Bedhill. Mother of David and Jane, grandmother of Sarah and Elizabeth. All enquiries to Colin Close. (0258) 453133. No flowers please, donations would be gratefully received by the Arthritis and Rheumatism Research Council, PO Box 177, Chesterfield, S41 7TQ.

JAMES - Margaret Helen, died 26th December 1994, beloved only daughter of Graham and Molly Clark, much loved mother of William, Michael and Lucy. Funeral Service to be held at Great Shelford Parish Church, Cambridge, on Tuesday January 3rd 1995 at 12.15pm, to be followed by private cremation. Floral tributes or donations for *MacMillan* Nurses or the R.S.P.B. may be sent c/o Harry Williams & Sons, 7 Victoria Park, Cambridge.

KAHANE - Peacefully at Dingleton Hospital, Melrose, on 26th December 1994, Dorothy Maud, Queens House, Kelso and formerly of Kirk Yetholm, beloved wife of the late Fred Kahane. Funeral Service private at her own request. No flowers please.

LINDSAY - Iris E.G. (née Bennett) of the Stud Farm Sulhampstead Abbots, near Reading, peacefully in hospital on December 25th. Widow of John Seymour Lindsay, F.S.A. Much loved sister of Ivor, Alex, Val and their families. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Sulhampstead Abbots, on Thursday January 5th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to St Mary's Church Fabric Fund c/o The Rectory, Upton Nervet, Reading RG7 4DH.

MACKINTOSH - On 27th December, peacefully in hospital in Baltimore, USA, Catherine Marcella Fay, previously of Manor Farm, Wyck Rissington, Glos. Funeral on 7th January 11am at Sacred Heart Church, Glyndon, Maryland. No flowers but donations please to Bryn Mawr School Library, 109 West Melrose Avenue, Baltimore 21210, USA.

MORGAN-HARRY - Formerly of Globefield, Topsham, on Christmas Eve, peacefully at Woodlands Nursing Home, Peter, aged 73 years. Much loved father of William and Frances (Haycock), loving grandfather of Kate (Ward), Louise and Jane Morgan-Harry. Cremation service will take place on Wednesday 4th January 3.45 pm at Exeter Crematorium and afterwards to Globe Hotel, Topsham. No flowers please. Donations if wished to Salvation Army c/o P.F. Turl, 16 Victoria Road, Topsham, Exeter EX3 0EU, tel: (0392) 873966.

PANIKKAR - Dr. D.M. Margaret (née Dutton) aged 73 years, late of the Group Practice, 18 Bridge Street, Heywood, Lancs., died suddenly at home 20th December 1994.

PLACE - On 27th December 1994, peacefully at St Bartholomew's Hospital, Godfrey, of Corton Denham. A much loved husband, brother, father, grandfather and friend. Funeral Service at Sherborne Abbey on Monday 2nd January at 11.30 am. Family flowers only but donations for the R.N.L.I. c/o Mr Harold F. Miles Funeral Director, South Cadbury, BA22 7ES, tel: (0963) 440367.

RADCLYFFE - On 27th December, Audrey Muriel, wife of the late Colonel Monty Radclyffe, peacefully after 88 wonderful years. Private family funeral. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at the Parish Church Bere Regis on Wednesday 1st February at 2 pm.

ROBERTSON - On December 28th at Midhurst, James, devoted husband of the late Jean and a much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather who will be very much missed. Service at St Mary Magdalene, West Lavington, on Wednesday January 4th at 12 noon followed by cremation at Chichester. Please no flowers.

SMELLY - Christopher Arthur, on December 29th suddenly but peacefully at home. Loved husband of Rosemary and father of Hugh and Simon. Funeral private. Family flowers only. If desired donations to Teddington Memorial Hospital.

STOREY - On 27th December 1994 peacefully in the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, Dr. Christopher Storey, aged 86, very dearly loved husband of Gertrude (Trudy) and dear father of Christopher, Peter, Mark and Michael. He will be greatly missed by his sister Kathleen and his family and friends. A funeral service at Wesley Memorial Church, Oxford, on Wednesday 4th January 1995 at 3 pm followed by private cremation. No flowers please. Donations if wished but donations to the British Heart Foundation greatly appreciated.

TURNER - On December 28th at All Saints Church, Ascot, Paul, darling husband of Katie and beloved father of Karen, Emma and grandpa to Rebecca. Funeral service and committal will take place at All Saints Church, Ascot, on 5th January 1995 at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. No letters please. Donations if desired to "The National Heart and Lung Institute". A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

VERE-LAURIE - On December 25th 1994, suddenly at Newark General Hospital, Sydney John Athelstan, aged 84. Funeral at 3 pm on Wednesday 4th January at St Mary's Church, Carlton-on-Trent. Memorial Service in London to be announced. Flowers and enquiries to E.G. Dann, Carlton-on-Trent, (0636) 821278.

WENDLE - On 26th December 1994 peacefully in a Hove Nursing Home, Joyce Muriel, aged 66 years. Sadly missed by her loving son, John. Service on Thursday 5th January All Saints Church, The Drive, Hove at 10.30am. Family flowers. Donations if desired to Turner Home C/O Abreu 2 Kent 108 Church Road, Hove. Tel 0273 821965.

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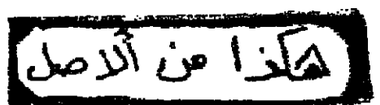
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OBITUARIES

REAR-ADMIRAL GODFREY PLACE

Rear-Admiral Godfrey Place, VC, CB, CVO, DSC, who took part in the midget submarine attack on the *Tirpitz* in 1943, died on December 27 aged 73. He was born on July 19, 1921.



AS A 22-year-old lieutenant Godfrey Place was the commander of one of the two midget submarines which attacked and severely damaged the German battleship *Tirpitz* in a Norwegian fiord in September 1943. Though not sunk by the attack the *Tirpitz* sustained major damage which virtually immobilised her and made possible the *coup de grâce* administered by RAF bombers a year later.

Perhaps more important, the attack eliminated the threat to Arctic convoys which the *Tirpitz* had presented for the previous two years. So potent a force was she that the mere rumour that she was at sea had often been enough to send a frisson of alarm through the Admiralty. In July 1942 a limited foray by *Tirpitz*, the pocket battleship *Von Scheer* and the cruiser *Hipper* had given rise to the order to scatter to Convoy PQ 17 with such catastrophic results, even though *Tirpitz* had come nowhere near the convoy.

For their action, both Place and Lieutenant Douglas Cameron, RNR, who commanded the only other midget submarine to press home an attack, were awarded the VC.

Basil Charles Godfrey Place entered Dartmouth in 1939 and volunteered for submarines in 1941. Posted to the 10th Submarine Flotilla he was awarded the DSC and the Polish Cross of Valour for his service as liaison officer with the Polish submarine *Sokol* working out of Malta. Early in 1943 he was posted to the 12th Submarine Flotilla which consisted of midget submarines (X-craft).

These were of no more than 35 tons and just over 50 feet in length. They carried two detachable explosive charges on the outside of the pressure hull which each contained two tons of explosive that could be set to explode by clockwork timers from inside the boat.

The original aim was to attack the *Tirpitz*, the pocket battleship *Lützow* and the battle-cruiser *Scharnhorst*, which were lying in inlets off the Altenfiord. Six X-craft were to be towed into position about 150 miles from the fiord by submarines and then set free to make their attack: Place was in command of X7.

Of the six attacking craft X9 was lost on passage and X8 (detailed to attack the *Lützow*) had to be scuttled. X10 found that *Scharnhorst* had left the fiord and X5 was sunk by gunfire, leaving X6 (Lieutenant Cameron) and X7 to make their way up Altenfiord, crossing the outer minefield by night. Both skippers encountered severe problems. X7 had to surface periodically, because a split exhaust pipe made the atmosphere in the boat highly toxic. X6 had a damaged periscope and was virtually blind. But at 2am on September 22, 1943, they were both inside Altenfiord.

Place's fierce determination showed itself when X7's bow became entangled with a moored mine, which seemed impossible to shift. Working his way forward to the partially-submerged bow, he cleared the obstruction away by what he subsequently called "deft footwork". Next, X7 was forced to dive to avoid a German motor launch and became entangled in the first of the defensive net screens. It took two hours of manoeuvring to clear her, and X6, although still suffering periscope trouble, got ahead of her.



Place and an X-craft of the type used in the attack on the *Tirpitz*

Cameron pressed home his attack and released his charges under the *Tirpitz*. He then scuttled his craft and he and his crew were picked up and taken on board the battleship, whose captain could not initially believe that these few bedraggled individuals were actually part of a major threat to his ship.

Meanwhile, X7 pressing home her own attack, had become entangled in the close screen of nets under which Place was trying to dive. She manoeuvred free, but in doing so broke surface and was spotted just 30 yards from the *Tirpitz*. The battleship's captain now saw his ship was in danger and since there was not time to raise steam and get away, moved his position by hauling in on his mooring cable.

This took him clear of X6's charges but in the meantime Place dived X7 under *Tirpitz*, releasing one charge beneath her forward end and a second directly below her engine-room. His compass then failed, so he had no reliable sense of direction and his air was virtually exhausted. He surfaced, still entangled in nets. Then, at 8.12am all the charges detonated, blowing X7 clear of the nets, but cracking her hull. Place dived the boat to the bottom, to examine the damage, but had to bring her up again with almost the last of his stored air. Riddled with fire from the *Tirpitz*, X7 suddenly started sinking. Place, who had been on the casing, jumped to safety and another crew member subsequently extricated himself using breathing apparatus. But two others were lost. Rescued from the water by *Tirpitz*'s crew, Place and his crewman spent the rest of the war in captivity.

Aboard *Tirpitz* the explosion had created chaos. The whole ship lurched several feet out of the water, all power failed, her after gun-turrets were shifted off their bearings and her main turbines were severely damaged. She was totally incapacitated until March 1944. Thereafter she was bombed in Altenfiord by the Lancasters of 617 (Dambusters) squadron and finally sunk by the same squadron in November 1944 in Tromsöfiord, where she had been towed as a floating fortress.

Place was released from captivity at the end of the war and returned to naval service. He did not serve in submarines again; indeed, in complete contrast, much of his postwar service was on the air side of naval operations. Quite astonishingly for a submariner, he underwent flying training in 1951 and was awarded his pilot's wings in the following year. By that time he was over 30 — positively elderly in naval aviation terms. But it was a characteristic change of direction for a man to whom life was well-nigh intolerable unless it was continually presenting fresh challenges.

In 1952, by then a commander, he joined 801 Squadron in the aircraft carrier *Glory*, which then went out to the Korean War theatre. It was more than a little unusual for a commander — and a VC at that — to join a frontline squadron as a "sprog" pilot, but after some months of experience Place took over 801. Thereafter he led its Sea Fury fighters in combat air patrols and in strafing and bombing raids in support of troops on the ground. From 1952 to 1953 he commanded the anti-submarine frigate *Tumult* and in 1956-57 he was executive officer of the carrier *Theseus*.

Subsequent commands included those of the destroyer *Corunna*, the anti-submarine frigate *Rothesay* and the commando ship *Albion* which, with 41 Commando on board, was sent to the waters off West Africa during the Nigerian civil war, in case large-scale evacuation of British nationals should be necessary. His final appointment was as Admiral Commanding Reserves and Director-General of Naval Recruiting, from 1968 to 1970 when he was appointed CB.

In retirement Place was from 1975 to 1978 lay observer to the Law Society, a government watchdog post in which his task was to review complaints by members of the public against solicitors. Subsequently, when ill-health prevented him from making the regular journeys to London this entailed, he and his wife ran two leather goods shops and a saddlery in Dorset. He enjoyed the very different challenges this presented, too, and never minded turning his hand to cutting and stitching leather, if staff were on holidays or days off.

He was chairman of the VC and GC Association from 1971 until August this year. His appointment as CVO in 1991 acknowledged his work for the association.

Place was a man of restless energies. If life was not exciting enough, he would always find ways of livening it up. It was said of him that he drove a car very much as he had flown a fighter plane.

Godfrey Place married his wife Althea, a WRNS officer, only three weeks before setting out on his *Tirpitz* mission. He and the other members of the X-craft crews were reported lost at the time and it was several months before his wife learnt that he was alive in captivity. She survives him with their son and two daughters.

GEOFFREY SELIGMAN

Geoffrey Seligman, banker and former chief executive and chairman of S. G. Warburg, died on December 17 aged 81. He was born on April 15, 1913.



GEOFFREY SELIGMAN came from a long-established banking family. His father was the illustrious Sir Charles Seligman, who for many years was senior partner of the family bank, Seligman Bros. For his part, his son was instrumental in arranging its merger with S. G. Warburg & Co in 1957.

He was chief executive of S. G. Warburg from 1974 to 1978 and chairman from 1978 to 1980. He retired as deputy chairman and chief executive of Mercury Securities in 1983.

Geoffrey Seligman was very much involved in the development of the public takeover bid in the United Kingdom and was a leading member of the Warburg team which advised Reynolds Metals on its bid in 1959 for British Aluminium, the first hostile takeover in this country.

He acted for Maxwell Joseph in the series of acquisitions by Grand Metropolitan, culminating in the bid in 1972 for Watney Mann, which still ranks as one of the largest takeovers in the UK. He headed the corporate finance department for many years, was responsible for developing many of the client relationships that give the firm its current pre-eminence, and established its New York office in 1964.

Geoffrey Charles Seligman was educated at Harrow, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and Heidelberg University.

After university, he joined Seligman Bros and spent time with its offices in New York and Paris. He joined the police as a special constable in 1936 and was on duty regularly until 1938, when he volunteered for service with the Royal Artillery as a private. At the end of the Second World War he was in the Intelligence Corps as one of the youngest colonels in the British Army.

He attended the Tehran peace conference in 1945 as part of the official British delegation led by Churchill before rejoining Seligman Bros.

Seligman will be remembered for his professional and other achievements and as a kind and compassionate person, who placed modesty and integrity above everything and shunned any form of publicity or ostentation. A lover of music and the arts, he was an accomplished musician and linguist, fluent in French and German. He also had a particularly keen sense of humour and of fun.

His charitable acts were legion, many of them carried into effect through his own private charitable foundation. He helped numerous entire families over the years, and invariably quietly and discreetly.

Until just a few weeks before his death he was leading a full and vigorous life, driving himself every weekend from London to his country house in Buckinghamshire and going to the City two or three days a week.

He is survived by Merrie, his wife of 58 years, their daughter and two sons.

SEBASTIAN SHAW

Sebastian Shaw, actor, died in Brighton on December 23 aged 89. He was born at Holt, Norfolk, on May 29, 1905.

SEBASTIAN SHAW was in the theatre for almost exactly 80 years, beginning when only eight in a children's play at the Court, Sloane Square, on New Year's Day, 1914. Extremely handsome in his youth, he was still a boldly striking figure when his Romeo had given way to Friar Laurence, and he retained his looks well into old age. Some of his early training — in verse speaking especially — was at Stratford-upon-Avon under Bridges-Adams, and he was still in Shakespeare for the RSC when over 80.

Shaw's work provided a rare kaleidoscope of the English stage over many decades. It was a lesson in technique to see how at Stratford and the Barbican during 1984-85 he characterised the First Gravedigger in *Hamlet* as a fussily idiosyncratic sexton. And it remains a nice irony that a career which effortlessly bridged the watershed year of 1956 should have begun in the very theatre at which John Osborne, his junior by a generation, scored his first triumph.

Shaw's father, Geoffrey Shaw, and his uncle, Martin Shaw, were both composers, and his own love of music coloured his whole career. His father taught music at Gresham's School, Holt, and it was there that the young Shaw took on his first Shakespearean role, as Petruchio opposite a Katharina played by the young W. H. Auden.

Shaw had intended originally to be a painter and spent two years at the Slade School of Art before changing course ("I wondered when you would come to your senses," said his father) and enrolling briefly at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. He was in repertory in Bristol, Liverpool and Hull, and in the Stratford Festival Company.

An early and memorable West End part was as one of the murderers-for-fun in Patrick Hamilton's *Rope* (1929), a performance of acute nervous tension repeated that year in New York. He went on to a group of plays and parts that included Aldous Huxley's *The World of Light*; a *Measure for Measure* (Fortune, 1931) in which he was Claudio; Romeo at the Embassy, Swiss Cottage, (1932); and productions as sharply different in key as Ivor Novello's *Sunshine Sisters* (1933), *Double Door* with Sybil Thorndike (1934), a revival of J. M. Barrie's *A Kiss for Cinderella* (1937), where he acted the friendly policeman, and Robert Morley's *Goodness, How Sad!* (1938).

After the war, in which he served in the RAF, his vitality did not slacken. He moved between Heracles in *The Thracian Horses* (1946) and the detestable Filmer Jesson in a New Theatre revival of Pinero's *His House In Order* (1951).

During 1957 he could slip from Lucifer in *Brother Lucifer* at the Shrewsbury Festival to the sinister Venetian agent of Jonathan Griffin's *The Hidden King* at Edinburgh. Later, there were parts in plays by Bernard Shaw, Eugene O'Neill and Arnold Wesker, until in 1966 he began a career with the RSC, of which he became an associate artist. This covered such performances of feeling and control as the King in *All's Well That Ends Well*, Gloucester in *King Lear*, Ulysses (*Troilus*), Leonato (*Much Ado*) and Polonius in *Hamlet*. He made an awe-inspiring Cymbeline in 1974-75, and played Chebutykin in *Three Sisters*.

Away from the RSC he was the Judge in *Who's Life Is It Anyway?* and he was a wonderful Jimmy, the hedgerow scholar, in Brian Friel's *Translations*.

As late as the Christmas season of 1988-89 audiences at the Barbican and at Stratford were delighted to recognise his honeyed threats from behind the great carapace that disguised the Wizard of Oz.

Shaw made his film debut in an adaptation of T. W. Robertson's *Caste* in 1930, and during the subsequent decade he appeared in more than 20 films, often in leading roles. The more notable were *Brewster's Millions*, with Jack Buchanan, *Farewell Again*, *The Squeaker* and Michael Powell's *The Spy in Black*. In 1945 he was in the Boulting Brothers' *Journey Together*, but after that his films became rarer.

Among the later ones were Peter Hall's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and the star-studded *Return of the Jedi*. His performance as a redundant Cold War spy in Clare Peploe's *High Season* was much acclaimed at the New York Film Festival of 1987.

His many radio performances included John Tanner in the full five-hour version of *Man and Superman* as well as Shakespearean and modern roles. He appeared regularly, too, on television, both in single plays and series, giving sharply etched portrayals of an elderly family doctor in G. F. Newman's *The Nation's Health* on Channel 4 and of an irascible manufacturer of statues of the Virgin Mary in Fay Weldon's serial for Anglia, *Growing Rich* (1991).

He was the author of several plays and wrote the lyrics for his father's ballad-opera, *All at Sea*, which was performed at the Royal College of Music in 1956, with Joan Sutherland in the cast. He performed in a production of *Façade* to celebrate Edith Sitwell's 75th birthday in 1962. In his own 70th year he published a novel, *The Christening*.

His colleagues rejoiced in his talents as a raconteur. So did his fellow members at the Garrick, of which he was an honorary life-member.

In 1929 he married the actress Margaret Delamere who died in 1956. He is survived by their daughter.



Sebastian Shaw on location with Jacqueline Bisset in *High Season*

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THE ALIENS' CAMP RIOT.

The United States Ambassador has communicated to the Foreign Office the following report by Mr. Chandler Hale, of the United States Embassy, on the Isle of Man detention camp and the recent riot there . . . He reports as follows:

Three thousand three hundred non belligerent enemy aliens are interned at Douglas, consisting of 2,000 Germans and 1,300 Austrians and Hungarians. The camp is now somewhat crowded, but the authorities will transfer 1,000 men to another camp at Peel, on the other side of the island, as soon as accommodations there are ready for them, probably in a few weeks. At present 500 are housed in two large, comfortable buildings, where each man has a bunk with mattress and three blankets. Other and similar huts are being erected for the rest of the prisoners, who are now living in tents, each of which has a raised wooden flooring. The dietary is excellent.

The men have their meals in a large glass-roofed, steam-heated and electric-lighted building, where 1,600 can eat at a time. The washing facilities are ample and very good, and there is hot and cold water. As compared with Ruhleben or any other camp that I have visited in either country, the conditions are very good.

The riot started, it is alleged, as the result of bad potatoes. The authorities admit that one shipment proved worm-eaten, and they were rejected after a few days. On November 18 the men declared a hunger strike at dinner. The following day they ate their dinner without any complaint, and immediately the prisoners suddenly, and evidently by pre-arrangement, started to break up the tables, chairs, crockery and everything they could lay their hands on. Upon the appearance of the guards, the rioters charged them, armed with table legs and chairs. The guards fired one volley in the air, but it had no effect. Finally, and in self-protection, they fired a second round, which resulted in the death of four Germans and one Austrian, and the wounding of 19 others.

I talked freely with the wounded, and also with many others, and gathered that the prisoners were in the wrong, and had only themselves to blame. One of the most intelligent men I talked with, a German, said that a considerable percentage of the men were a bad lot gathered in from the East of London, with several agitators amongst them who preached discontent and insubordination, which was really the direct cause for the trouble. I am satisfied this was so, as I saw the whole camp and every detail connected with it, and have nothing but commendation for its entire organization and the kindly treatment accorded the prisoners by the commandant and his subordinates.

COURT-MARTIAL AT DOUGLAS.

A Military Court was held at Douglas, Isle of Man, yesterday, presided over by MAJOR CHOLMONDELEY, for the purpose of trying HERMAN BLASS, an Austrian prisoner of war interned in the Douglas detention camp.

The accused pleaded "Guilty" to writing a letter to Frau Agnis Blass, of Karlsbad, on October 15, in which he said that he was well, but it was difficult to get anything past the Censor, and advised his brother Fritz to heat the paper in order to bring out something he had written with lemon juice. The portion of the letter written in invisible ink read:

We are treated here like pigs. In spite of the very bad weather we have to sleep in tents. Food also very bad, worms in the potatoes, meat you cannot look at, and it stinks frightfully. Bad sanitary conditions. 3,500 men here, half of them ill. We are driven about with bayonets like convicts. Revolution has already occurred twice on account of the sleeping situation unbearable.—HERMAN . . .

ON THIS DAY

December 30 1914

The incarceration of aliens at the beginning of the First World War aroused some controversy, leading the Prime Minister, Asquith, to see conditions in a number of the camps for himself.

THE TIMES TODAY

FRIDAY DECEMBER 30 1994

NEWS

We speak for majority, says Blair

■ Tony Blair declared that Labour now spoke for the majority in Britain, as Conservative chiefs stepped up their warnings that internal splits would pave the Labour leader's entry to Downing Street.

Mr Blair attacked the "feeble" leadership of John Major and his Cabinet in a confident new year message. He capitalised on a disastrous year for the Government to claim that Labour was now the "mainstream" political party.

Tailgate driver forced woman to crash

■ A young woman described how she crashed on a motorway at 70mph after being terrorised for 10 minutes by a male motorist in what police described as an extreme example of motoring aggression. He drove close to the bumper, with his headlights beaming into her rear-view mirror ..... **Page 1**

Carer arrested

A professional carer was arrested after the death of an elderly woman she had visited in hospital. Police said medical equipment at the patient's bedside had been tampered with..... **Page 1**

Chechens seek talks

President Dudayev, the rebel Chechen leader, said he was ready to hold talks with Moscow as Russian forces launched repeated bombing attacks on Grozny..... **Pages 1, 12**

Aircraft crashes

More than 50 people are feared dead after a Boeing 737 carrying 69 passengers crashed into a Turkish mountain in a snowstorm..... **Page 1**

Ulster cash doubts

The future of a £157 million Taiwanese investment project in Northern Ireland was in doubt last night after allegations of fraud ..... **Page 2**

Arrest 'delay'

A missing banker charged with stealing £94,000 from his branch tried to give himself up on Boxing Day but was allegedly told by police not to bother for two days..... **Page 3**

Snow comfort

About 25,000 British skiers will head for the Alps tomorrow, though few pistes have much snow. However, the forecast is for cold air and snow soon .... **Page 5**

Anti-smoking drive

The Government launched a three-year, £13.5 million campaign against smoking. Baroness Cumberlege, a health minister, said: "Smoking is the largest preventable cause of deaths in this country"..... **Page 4**

Roads overhaul

Lawrie Haynes, chief executive of the new Highways Agency, gave a warning that the overhaul of the road-building bureaucracy will be "bloody"..... **Page 7**

Car theft down

Thefts of new cars in high-risk areas have almost been wiped out by the introduction of high-technology alarms, deadlocks and immobilisers ..... **Page 9**

Support for Mexico

The White House is preparing to send billions of dollars to prop up the Mexican economy after a run on the peso almost exhausted reserves..... **Page 10**

CIA under siege

The abrupt resignation of James Woolsey as director of the CIA left the agency under siege and floundering to establish a role in the post-Cold War world..... **Page 11**

Kidnap increase

Delhi, one of the world's largest and most polluted cities, has a new claim to infamy: kidnappings. There have been 700 this year, more than half of them involving children..... **Page 13**

Out of the frying pan, into fashion

■ The well of human ingenuity has not run dry: Teflon trousers are about to hit the London fashion scene. The non-stick trousers, said to resist spills, are made by Farah and will sell for about £40. A Farah spokeswoman said: "Everything you throw at them they repel. I have heard of people throwing curry and spaghetti on them to no avail"..... **Page 1**



STEVE FORREST

Andrea Kirkham conserving a 15th-century wall painting found during renovation of a shop in Walsingham, Norfolk. **Page 2**

BUSINESS

Airbus: Airbus Industrie secured a $1.5 billion order for 30 aircraft from International Lease Finance Corporation. It brings orders won during 1994 to 110..... **Page 21**

Nadir: A Turkish Cypriot politician is seeking to buy the entire assets in northern Cyprus of the collapsed Polly Peck International from the administrators and install Asil Nadir to run them ..... **Page 21**

Failures: The rate of business failures in England and Wales fell by 16.3 per cent during 1994, the biggest fall since 1980 ..... **Page 21**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index fell 30.2 points to close at 3065.6. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 79.5 to 79.6 after a rise from $1.5440 to $1.5595 but a fall from DM2.4298 to DM2.4180.....**Page 24**

SPORT

Cricket: Alan Lee reports on England's humiliation in Australia after their 295-run defeat in the second Test in Melbourne. Shane Warne grabbed a hat-trick of tail-enders as England collapsed to 92 all out..... **Page 40**

Tennis: Jeremy Bates, Britain's mainstay since 1985, announced his retirement from Davis Cup play ..... **Page 38**

Yachting: Isabelle Autissier, a competitor in the BOC round-the-world race, was found fit and well by the Australian Air Force after she issued a distress signal..... **Page 38**

Racing: Richard Dunwoody, the champion National Hunt jockey, registered a century of winners before the turn of the year for the first time..... **Page 37**

ARTS

Year of living dangerously: 1994 was the year in which rock 'n' roll regained its outlaw status, with a record number of pop stars passing through the courts for one reason or another..... **Page 28**

. . . and as for 1995: "If there is any justice in the world," writes Caitlin Moran, 1995 will belong musically to a little-regarded pop artist called McAlmont ..... **Page 28**

Tom in top form: Tom Robinson, who is enjoying his most successful year for a decade, presented a miscellany of musical memories at the Grand, in Clapham, this week..... **Page 28**

The Day I Met: Rodney Milnes on the playwright Ronald Duncan: once famous, then the victim of a vicious literary war..... **Page 29**

FEATURES

Coping with survival: Paul Barney, the Briton who survived the *Estonia* ferry disaster in September, relives the horror daily and his sleep is broken regularly by recurrent nightmares. "Before this happened, my life was going all right. I had things sussed," he tells Walter Ellis..... **Page 15**

Anniversaries of 1995: the *Mary Rose* sank 450 years ago; George VI, Busby Berkeley, and Babe Ruth were born 100 years ago; the same year in which the Lumière brothers gave the first public showing of a film on screen. Jack Lonsdale looks at other memorable births and deaths ..... **Page 14**

Road rage: Giles Coren on the spreading phenomenon of the revenge driver ..... **Page 15**



TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ RING IN THE NEW
Nigella Lawson (left) joins *The Times* with her New Year reflections and resolutions

■ TOP OF THE POPS
Bono, Bob, Bruce and the Top 20 greatest pop songs of all time

PAPERS

The Yeltsin leadership has already lost the opportunity of setting an example of decisive and effective action to — his proclaimed goal — maintain the unity of Russia. It would do better now to show the maturity to end this civil war on negotiated terms

— The Washington Post

All of Dr Alistair Wilson's allegations that St Bartholomew's Hospital cynically exploited patients to assist its campaign against closure are outrageous and provably outrageous. He is quite simply wrong

— Evening Standard

FEATURES

Down Mexico way
Political reform was Señor Zedillo's avowed priority for 1995, but he must give equal weight to the tough economic policies required to stave off a liquidity crisis..... **Page 17**

Eye in the sky
Five years ago the Hubble space telescope was launched with hopes that it would unravel the mysteries of the universe..... **Page 17**

Melbourne city blues
Grace under pressure used to be a feature of England's captains. Play up, play up, and play the game, Atherton!..... **Page 17**

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN
So at last the years have caught up. I never thought it would happen, or indeed *could* happen, but the merciless ticks of the clock have the dates to prove it, and there is no escaping the truth. Yes, Maggie Smith is 30, and a year from now she will be 29..... **Page 16**

PAUL JOHNSON
Tony Blair, it seems to me, stands a much better chance of running a successful administration than Harold Wilson did. That chance will be enormously reinforced if he studies Wilson's mistakes and learns to avoid them. There were three in particular..... **Page 16**

PHILIP HOWARD
Cookery is the second oldest profession. Man is a cooking animal, as much as a speaking or toolmaking or litigating animal ..... **Page 16**

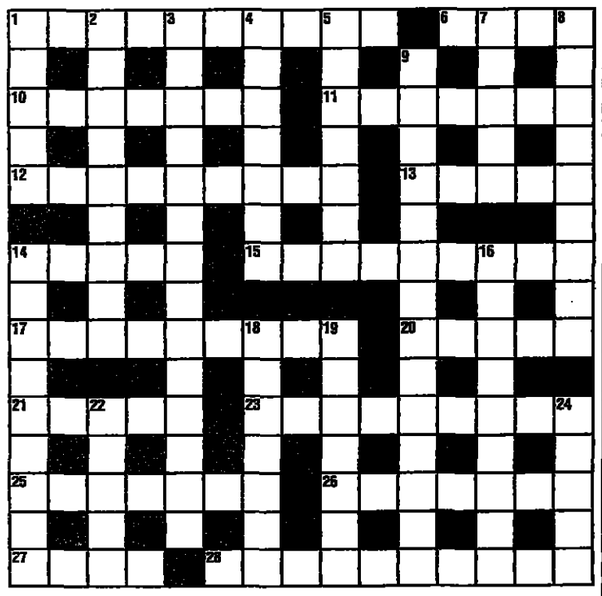
OBITUARIES

Rear-Admiral Godfrey Place, commander of the midget submarine attack on the *Tirpitz* in 1943; **Geoffrey Seligman,** banker and former chief executive of S. G. Warburg; **Sebastian Shaw,** actor..... **Page 19**

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1 Express split into clearly distinct parts (10).
6 Captain briefly gets to sleep after 12 (4).
10 Casual reader's certainly no high-flier (7)
11 They hear appeals in test cases (7).
12 Lead point on weapon (9).
13 A foot lower (5).
14 Summoned to court and installed in hearing (5).
15 Showing or concealing ? (9).
17 Pro fighter's forbearance about near-disaster (9).
20 Instrument, one held by top player (5).
21 Level with surface of the water, was taken aboard by Noah? Not half! (5).
23 See mistake on price after cuts (9).
25 Clipper has to deviate from course across a river (7).
26 From oriental city, endless circular symbol (7).
27 Pronouncement of discovery in part of London (4).
28 Sly beauty, we hear, of a girl fairy (6,4).

DOWN

1 Estimate value of mostly old coins (5).
2 Tries term rearrangement for part of year (9).
3 Caught famous village horse in race (14).
4 Sizable ship, the Bounty? (7).
5 Report from The Times? (7).
7 For this disunited state, reforms are OK (5).
8 Useless team member who may be transferred by coach (9).
9 Place in West End anyone can use for their address (8,6).
14 Drawing equipment arrives without a permit (9).
16 If a centre is arranged, exchanges may take place here (9).
18 Renaissance man, one following The Prince (7).
19 May ask to change out of hot garment (7).
22 One letter for Paul from spiritual Ephesian (5).
24 Bow and scrape in the slow movement (5).

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Wednesday: Highest day temp: Middle Wallop, Hampshire, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Baltasound, Shetland, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Spadeadam, Cumbria, 1.30in; highest sunshine: Newcastle upon Tyne 1.5hr.

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Over high ground in northern parts showers will turn wintry. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have showers, especially in exposed places. Over high ground there will be snow, with widespread drifting in the winds.

☐ **London, SE, E England, E Anglia:** bright or sunny spells with showers. Winds southwest to west, fresh to strong, locally gale on the south coast. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **Central S, Central N, NE England, E, W Midlands, Channel Isles:** sunny or clear spells with showers. Winds southwest to west, fresh to strong. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **SW, NW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** clear or sunny spells with showers, some heavy and turning wintry over higher ground. Winds westerly, strong, locally gale. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen:** sunny or clear spells in most areas will be interspersed with scattered showers, some of which will be wintry. Wind southwest moderate, becoming northwest strong to gale. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** clear or sunny spells in most areas. However, there will be heavy snow showers over hills and widespread drifting. Winds southwest moderate becoming northwest strong to gale. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Outlook for Saturday and Sunday:** further showers, windy, becoming colder.

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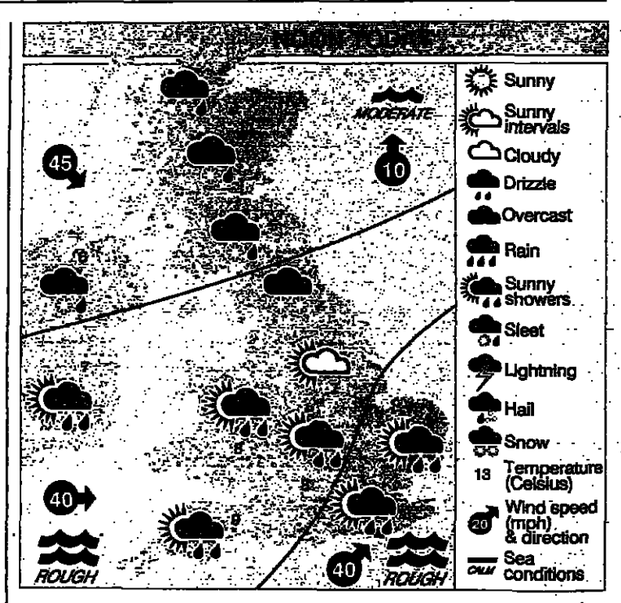
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Nottingham	-	0.20	14	57	c
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These are Wednesday's figures

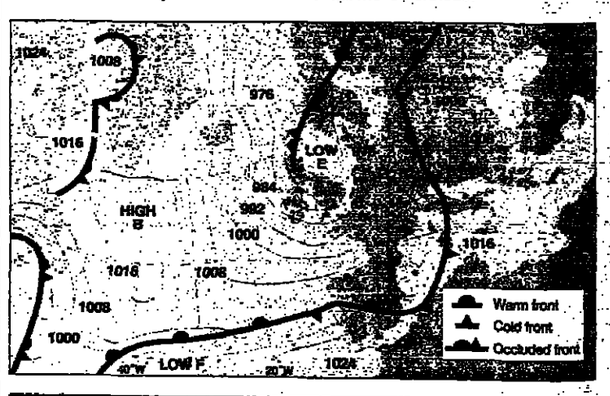
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Alex'dria	13	55	c	Dublin	8	46	s	Malta	16	61	c
Algiers	17	63	s	Dubrovnik	14	57	s	Melb'rne	18	64	f
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Athens	15	59	s	Florence	10	50	r	Miami	24	75	f
Bahrain	19	66	s	Frankfurt	11	52	r	Milan	8	43	c
Bangkok	30	86	s	Funchal	21	70	s	Montreal	-1	30	s
Barbados	29	84	f	Geneva	8	46	f	Moscow	-1	34	c
Barcelona	14	57	s	Gibraltar	16	61	s	Munich	13	55	s
Beirut	15	59	f	Helsinki	0	32	sn	Nairobi	24	75	s
Belgrade	12	54	s	Hong K	20	68	f	Naples	13	55	f
Berlin	12	54	r	Innsbruck	2	36	fg	N Delhi	19	66	s
Bermuda	19	66	r	Istanbul	8	46	c	N York	11	52	s
Biarritz	15	59	f	Jeddah	31	88	s	Nice	11	52	s
Bordx	11	52	r	Jo'burg	23	73	f	Oslo	-1	30	fg
Brussels	11	52	c	Karachi	24	75	s	Paris	11	52	c
Budapst	9	48	s	L Palmas	24	75	s	Peking	3	37	f
B Aires	21	70	s	Le Tquet	13	55	f	Perth	33	91	s
Cairo	17	63	s	Lisbon	17	63	c	Prague	10	50	s
Cape Tn	31	88	s	L Angels	14	57	f	Reykjavik	-5	23	s
Chicago	4	39	c	Luxembg	9	48	r	Rhodes	18	61	s
Ch'church	19	66	s	Luxor	20	68	s	Rio de J	28	82	s
Cologne	13	55	f	Madrid	1	34	fg	Riyadh	21	70	s
Rome	16	61	c				
Salzburg	9	48	s				
S Friaco	11	52	s				
Santiago	29	84	s				
S Paulo	27	81	f				
Seoul	4	39	s				
Sing'por	30	86	f				
Sthlholm	4	39	d				
Strasb'rg	11	52	s				
Sydney	22	72	c				
Tangier	17	63	s				
Tel Aviv	15	59	f				
Tenerife	23	73	s				
Tokyo	10	50	s				
Toronto	6	43	c				
Tunis	17	63	s				
Valencia	17	63	s				
Vanc'ver	5	41	s				
Venice	8	46	c				
Vienna	6	43	s				
Warsaw	11	52	f				
Wash'ton	12	54	s				
Wel'ngton	18	54	c				
Zurich	9	48	f				

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available



Changes to the chart below from noon: high B will move east as low E moves away east and fills. Low F will move northeast



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.31	6.8	--	--	Liverpool	8.56	9.0	9.20	9.2
Aberdeen	11.16	4.2	11.41	4.3	Lowestoft	6.59	2.5	7.38	2.4
Avonmouth	4.47	12.0	5.18	12.5	Margate	9.43	4.5	10.20	4.6
Belfast	8.47	3.3	9.11	3.5	Milford Haven	3.56	6.4	4.26	6.5
Cardiff	4.28	11.21	4.59	11.52	Newquay	2.46	6.4	3.13	6.6
Devonport	3.23	5.1	3.51	5.1	Oban	3.46	3.7	4.05	3.8
Dover	8.47	6.3	9.21	6.3	Penzance	2.28	5.2	2.56	5.2
Falmouth	2.53	4.8	3.21	4.9	Portland	4.23	1.9	4.48	1.8
Glasgow	10.54	4.6	11.07	4.6	Portsmouth	9.01	4.7	9.34	4.6
Harwich	9.22	3.7	9.56	3.8	Shoreham	8.10	5.4	8.37	5.5
Holyhead	8.10	5.4	8.37	5.5	Southampton	8.30	4.5	9.00	4.3
Hull	3.47	6.89	4.25	7.01	Swansea	3.56	8.7	4.24	8.8
Ilfracombe	3.34	8.49	4.04	8.70	Tees	1.13	5.0	1.45	5.1
King's Lynn	3.48	6.2	4.27	6.2	W'ton-on-Nze	9.15	4.0	9.50	3.9
Leith	--	--	12.22	5.3					

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 8.06 am
Sun sets: 4.00 pm
Moon sets 2.23 pm
Moon rises 5.37 am

London 4.00 pm to 8.06 am
Bristol 4.20 pm to 8.16 am
Edinburgh 3.47 pm to 8.44 am
Manchester 3.56 pm to 8.25 am
Penzance 4.28 pm to 8.21 am

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Life insurers expected to challenge disclosure rules

BY ROBERT MILLER

LIFE companies are expected to mount a vigorous campaign against proposals that would force them to publish individual statistics showing how many investors keep their policies each year and how many cash them in early.

Many people who do surrender their policies in the first five years get back considerably less than they have invested.

The Personal Investment Authority, the regulator for firms that sell investment products directly to the public, yesterday published new rules requiring members to report their persistency rates to the regulator on a standard basis by next June. Persistency rates measure the proportion of business still in force at various durations from the commencement date. They will also alert the authority to possible problems developing within individual companies.

The flip side of the coin is the lapse rate, which measures the number of people who do surrender their policies. This summer an Office of Fair Trading report on surrender values of life insurance policies concluded that lapse rates should be published.

Under the new rules life offices will report on how much business they have retained between 1993 and 1994. Thereafter, PIA members will have to report their persistency rates by April 30 each year. The authority will then publish the aggregate data based on those returns. The life industry does not object to the publication of such general information, which does not identify individual companies.

What the industry does object to is the proposal for individual PIA members to make their own information publicly available. The regulator is to bring forward a consultation process next year on how best to achieve that.

A spokesman for Legal & General said: "We have no problem with the publication of aggregate data but we continue to be concerned about the possibility of the publication of individual company data.

"This could easily be misinterpreted in much the same way as league tables of schools' examination passes. Companies have very different customer bases and product mixes and the data has to be considered in that light."

David Linnell, group actuary at the Prudential, Britain's largest insurance company, argues that the move by some life offices to pay better surrender values for those who do cash in their policies early could rebound on them under the new proposals for individual disclosure. He said: "There is a move within the industry to pay much better early surrender values than has been the case in the past. This has to be to the overall benefit of investors who may have to encash their policy early for personal reasons such as redundancy. If individual persistency figures are published these companies may show up rather poorly against others who do not pay such generous surrender values."

Colette Bowe, chief executive of the PIA, said: "Persistency is an important measure both for individual PIA members and the regulators in assessing the quality of advice given to the public."

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Airbus wins US order worth $1.5bn

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

AIRBUS Industrie has secured a $1.5 billion order for 30 aircraft from International Lease Finance Corporation of Los Angeles.

The contract brings orders won by the European consortium during 1994 to 110, only one behind its American archrival Boeing, and puts Airbus within a whisker of breaking Boeing's 40-year record as the world's largest plane-builder.

ILFC, which leases aircraft to airlines, has ordered a mixture of A319, A320 and A321 single-aisle twin-jets. Wings for the aircraft will be built at Chester by British Aerospace, which has a 20 per cent stake in the Airbus consortium. Total work for British component suppliers is likely to exceed $300 million. The planes will be assembled by Aerospatiale in Toulouse, France, or by Deutsche Aerospace, part of Daimler-Benz, at Hamburg, in Germany.

Engines have yet to be chosen. International Aero Engines, a five-company consortium in which Rolls-Royce of Britain has a 30 per cent stake, alongside Pratt & Whitney, is competing for the business against CFM, a joint venture between Snecma of France and General Electric of America. In the past year, ILFC has bought both the IEA V2500 and the CFM56 for these types.

The latest contract from ILFC, already Airbus's biggest customer, confirms the strength of the European consortium in the market for single-aisle 120-seat to 180-seat planes. Competing in the market segment occupied by the British BAC 1-11 and the Sud French Caravelle during the 1960s, the A320 series is proving a formidable competitor for the Boeing 737 and 757, and the McDonnell Douglas MD90 and MD88.

The latest ILFC order includes 13 of the 150-seat A320 series, including two previous orders for A310-300 planes, which have been converted into the A320. Deliveries will start in February 1996.

Delivery of eight 120-seat A319s will begin in June 1997, while nine A321s, seating from 180 to 200 passengers, will be delivered from April 1998 onwards. One of these orders is a converted option.

ILFC has also taken options on a further three A319s, three A321s and four A320s.

Leslie Gonda, chairman of ILFC, said the orders reflected demand from airlines for the A320 range. The latest contracts bring to 155 the number of Airbus planes ordered by ILFC. About 40 have already been delivered.

The ILFC orders also appear to confirm growing signs that the four-year slump in demand for new aircraft is ending. But recovery remains gentle. Orders received by Airbus during 1994 only just exceed the 109 aircraft delivered.

The ILFC orders are good news for British Aerospace and its employees. Four BAe plants are involved in designing the wings or manufacturing components for the Chester wing assembly operation.

The commercial success of Airbus is contributing to a complete reshaping of BAe's civil aircraft operations.

In 1995, BAe Airbus is expected to generate profits of more than £50 million on sales of £800 million. Increasingly, civil aerostructures are providing bread and butter work for BAe's military aircraft plants.

Meanwhile, BAe is in talks with potential partners, including Aérospatiale of France and Alenia of Italy, about creating a comparable pan-European company to manufacture regional aircraft.

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Ex-ambassador delivers fresh blow to Saatchi

BY MELVYN MARCKUS, CITY EDITOR

RAYMOND SEITZ, the former US Ambassador who was poised to become a non-executive director of Saatchi & Saatchi, has informed the agency that he no longer wishes to be considered for the role.

Inquiries by *The Times* reveal that Mr Seitz communicated his decision to Saatchi & Saatchi on December 23, shortly after the company's directors forced Maurice Saatchi, chairman and founder of the advertising firm, to resign from the board.

The decision by Mr Seitz to decline Saatchi & Saatchi's overtures relates directly to the board's decision to oust Mr Saatchi at the behest of David Herro, a Chicago-based fund manager.

News of Mr Seitz's decision follows hard on the heels of the announcement, shortly before Christmas, that Ali Wambold, a managing director of Lazard Freres, the merchant bank, had decided not to take up his appointment as a non-executive director, originally scheduled to take place in the new year.

Saatchi & Saatchi's share price has retreated from 156p to 144p amid the boardroom turmoil and is unlikely to benefit from the decision by Mr Seitz, whose non-executive services have been sought after by numerous UK industrialists.

Anxiety persists over the prospect of account defections and Mars, the privately controlled US confectionery combine, has already launched a review of its $1 billion worldwide advertising spend. Sir Colin Marshall, chief executive of British Airways, is widely expected to follow suit, particularly if Mr Saatchi decides to completely sever his links with the company.

Saatchi & Saatchi's executives, led by Charles Scott, chief executive, have argued that accounts at risk represent only about 8 per cent of total revenues. Mars's billings are estimated at about $400 million, yielding revenue of around £30 million. BA's billings, understood to amount to about $125 million, are thought to contribute some £6 million to revenue. With City analysts forecasting pre-tax profits of about £32 million for 1994, the concern is that the £36 million potential loss in revenue from these two accounts alone would outstrip Saatchi & Saatchi's entire pre-tax profits.

TONY WHITE



Elizabeth Forsyth, former aide to Asil Nadir, the fugitive businessman, outside Bow Street Magistrates court, London, where she was given permission to travel to Switzerland to interview witnesses. She was bailed for another six weeks at the request of the Serious Fraud Office, which is seeking evidence from authorities in Switzerland

Saunders denies he had Alzheimer's disease

BY JON ASHWORTH

ERNEST SAUNDERS, the former chief executive of Guinness, says he never suffered from Alzheimer's disease, as widely reported. He has further denied being released early from prison on health grounds, saying he served the minimum term appropriate to someone displaying good behaviour.

Mr Saunders was jailed for five years in August 1990 for his part in the alleged share support operation accompanying the takeover battle for Distillers. The sentence was halved on appeal after a medical expert diagnosed presenile dementia, a condition not dissimilar to Alzheimer's, and Mr Saunders was released after serving just 10 months in Ford Open Prison. He went on to make a "miraculous" recovery, playing tennis and carving out a lucrative career as an after-dinner speaker and marketing consultant.

Speaking yesterday on BBC Radio 4's *The World At One*, Mr Saunders said: "I was never diagnosed as having suffered from Alzheimer's disease. I was very unwell at the time of the appeal, perhaps hardly surprising with all the stresses and strains that I had been under. The symptoms of what I was suffering from could have well been confused."

He added that suggestions of a "miraculous" recovery were most unfair. The doctor involved admitted in October that his diagnosis had been wrong.

Mr Saunders and his co-defendants, Gerald Ronson, Jack Lyons and Anthony Parnes, are having their cases referred back to the Court of Appeal on the grounds that evidence crucial to the defence was withheld from their trial.

Cypriot in talks to buy Polly Peck assets

BY COLIN NARBROUGH
WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

A TURKISH CYPRIOT politician is seeking to buy the entire assets in northern Cyprus of the collapsed Polly Peck International (PPI) from the administrators and install Asil Nadir, fugitive former head of PPI, to run them.

A spokesman for the administrators in London confirmed last night that "serious discussions" were taking place regarding the sale of the whole package of PPI assets to northern Cyprus interests. Their book value is about £50 million.

The spokesman declined to name the Cypriot involved, but it was understood in Nicosia yesterday that Mehmet Çiva, a member of the northern Cyprus parliament and a wealthy businessman, is trying to buy the PPI assets.

The administrators have written protesting to the northern Cyprus government over its decision, revealed yesterday, to allow Mr Nadir to return to running the two luxury hotels in northern Cyprus that form part of the local PPI portfolio.

The administrators consider it "deeply disappointing" that the government had acknowledged the ownership of the hotels by recently accepting payment of rent arrears from Voyager Kibris, part of the PPI empire, only then to turn the hotels over to Mr Nadir again.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3065.6	(–30.2)
Yield	4.39%	
FT-SE A All share	1521.15	(–11.49)
Nikkei	19752.98	(+87.45)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3837.13	(–2.36)*
S&P Composite	460.68	(–0.18)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5½%*	(5⅝%)
Long Bond	96¹⁄₃₂*	(96²⁄₃₂)
Yield	7.85%*	(7.83%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6⅛%	(6⅛%)
Lifte long gilt future (Mar)	100¹⁵⁄₃₂	(n/a)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5600*	(1.5610)
London:		
$	1.5595	(1.5435)
DM	2.4158	(2.4256)
FFr	8.3450	(8.3620)
SFr	2.0406	(2.0493)
Yen	155.33	(154.88)
£ Index	79.6	(79.5)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5491*	(1.5450)
FFr	5.3510*	(5.3370)
SFr	1.3091*	(1.3040)
Yen	99.60*	(99.25)
$ Index	63.2	(63.7)

Tokyo close Yen 99.93

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Mar) $16.50 ($16.40)

GOLD

London close..... $384.30 ($382.00)

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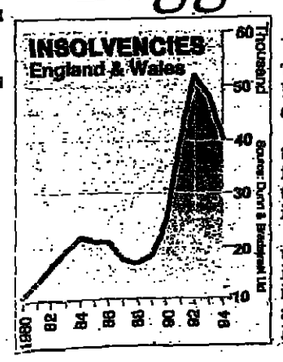
GEC order close

GEC's Yarrow shipyard is close to winning an order to build four corvettes for the South African Navy. Armscor, the state's arms procurement agency, said that only Yarrow Shipbuilders and the state-owned Bazan yard in Spain were still being considered for the contract. A $1 billion tender by DCNI of France and rival bids from the German Frigate Consortium and the Danish firm Svendborg were all turned down. Page 23

Prices page

Technical problems at our supplier of share price statistics have prevented publication of the latest prices in this edition. We apologise.

Biggest fall in business failure rate since 1980



BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE rate of business failures in England and Wales fell by 16.3 per cent during 1994, the biggest fall since 1980.

But the number of businesses going to the wall, at 40,255, remained almost four times the level of 1980, according to Dun & Bradstreet, the business information company.

Although the level of business failures remains high, the rapidly improving trend offers evidence that recovery is spreading to all parts of the country and all sectors of the economy. During 1993, the level of failures fell by 7.5 per cent from its 1992 peak of 51,957. Phillip Mellor, D&B's senior analyst, said the latest figures "show that small businesses are now a part of the recovery".

According to D&B figures, the rate of failure among small firms decreased by 15 per cent in 1994, compared with 18 per cent for larger companies. "When the recovery first began, its impact was felt mainly by the medium size to larger businesses," Mr Mellor said. "Small businesses continued to feel the brunt of the recession."

Besides spreading to small firms, the recovery now appears to be becoming more broadly based across the United Kingdom. The biggest fall was observed in the West Midlands, where failures were down by 27.8 per cent to 2,799.

The next biggest fall was in the South East, accounting for a quarter of all failures in England and Wales. There the total dropped 18.1 per cent to 11,109. The North West and North East also recorded falls of more than 17 per cent.

The most disappointing change was in Wales, where the level of business failures was reduced by only 2 per cent, and in the Eastern district, where it was down just 6.8 per cent. In Scotland, where changes in bankruptcy laws render comparisons unreliable, the number of failures halved last year to 3,343.

Since 1980, when D&B's records began, the level of company failures has proved a reliable lagging indicator of economic recovery. After the recession of the early 1980s, the level of company failures peaked in 1984 but remained high for two more years.

The latest recession triggered a rapid rise in company failures in 1990 and 1991, peaking in 1992 at 51,957.

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New king of coal rules out a revolution

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE new chief of Britain's coal industry will today seek to reassure miners that he plans a "quiet evolution" to build upon the productivity achievements of British Coal under state ownership.

Richard Budge, chief executive of RJB Mining, was set to take control of the corporation's mining assets in England at one minute past midnight last night, ending the industry's 47 years in the public sector.

Completion will take RJB, literally overnight, into the big league of international mining companies. Today, its annual turnover will leap from £100 million to about £1.3 billion.

RJB takes over 17 deep mines, 15 opencast pits and 7,100 miners to add to its existing four pits, 13 opencast sites and 1,700 employees.

Mr Budge said he had no plans for a radical shake-up of the business: indeed it was "probable" that RJB will increase the number of direct employees, substituting them for contract workers.

RJB is also planning to take on up to 130 apprentices, six to eight at each of its new mines, to ensure the training of a new generation of miners. Miners will be expected to deploy a wider range of skills, but there will be no radical change in working practices.

Mr Budge said: "I want to get across the message that it is evolution, not revolution. There is still a lot of bureaucracy. But each mine is run in a very decentralised way, and that fits with our way of doing things. British Coal have done a tremendous amount of work to date. We want to build on that."

He said that more than 75 per cent of employees in the mines being sold to RJB in an £815 million package have taken up the offer of shares in RJB. In total, 6,900 of the 8,900 face-workers and staff who are transferring will have a package of shares worth £850.

"This is not just paying lip service to share ownership," Mr Budge said. "In our existing business, 90 per cent of eligible employees are shareholders. They are better motivated. Before, they felt their future was controlled politically."

Mr Budge will today take Tim Eggar, the Energy Minister, on an underground tour of Britain's newest mine, Asfordby, near Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire. The pit, which will begin full production next year, has been developed at a cost of £400 million.

RJB will dominate the UK coal industry. Its production over the next three years is expected to run at almost 35 million tonnes, backed by contracts to supply 30 million tonnes of coal a year to the two big fossil fuel generating companies, National Power and PowerGen. But doubts remain about long-term demand when the existing contracts expire in April 1998. The sale of the corporation's Scottish assets to Mining Scotland for £49.4 million was also scheduled for completion last night. Completion of the £94.5 million sale of the Welsh assets to Celtic Mining, a management buyout, is expected today.



The takeover of British Coal's mining assets in England puts Richard Budge and RJB Mining in the big league

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.11	1.94
Austria Sch	18.09	16.59
Belgium Fr	52.95	48.65
Canada $	2.294	2.134
Cyprus Cyp£	0.784	0.729
Denmark Kr	10.14	9.34
Finland Mkk	7.98	7.28
France Fr	8.88	8.18
Germany Dm	2.56	2.37
Greece Dr	397.00	372.00
Hong Kong $	12.70	11.70
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.99
Italy Lira	2645.00	2490.00
Japan Yen	169.50	153.50
Malta	0.618	0.563
Netherlds Gld	2.689	2.639
Norway Kr	11.18	10.38
Portugal Esc	260.50	242.00
S Africa Rd		5.30
Spain Pta	213.00	198.00
Sweden Kr	12.22	11.42
Switzerland Fr	2.19	2.01
Turkey Lira	refer	57331.0
USA $	1.555	1.525

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Board changes at Jupiter Tyndall

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

JUPITER TYNDALL, the international fund management group, announced boardroom changes yesterday, less than a week after disclosing that it was in talks with potential bidders.

Charles Crowther has been appointed joint deputy chairman, just three months after joining the board. Mr Crowther was a director at Queen Anne's Gate Asset Management, the former fund management arm of the now-privatised water companies, which Jupiter acquired for up to £10 million in September.

Just before Christmas Jupiter announced it was in talks with a small group of potential bidders. Its shares remained unchanged yesterday at 389p, compared to the 102p the company was floated at in 1991.

Queen Anne's Gate Asset Management had about £2 billion in pension fund assets under management, taking Jupiter's total to about £4.15 billion. Mr Crowther takes up his new role at the start of the new year, alongside joint deputy chairman Leonard Licht. Mr Licht received a "golden hello" of £1.8 million when he joined Jupiter from Mercury Asset Management in April 1993.

Jupiter also announced that John Craig was standing down at vice-chairman after the sale of the banking subsidiaries in August. He will remain a board director with responsibility for the treasury operations.

James D'Albiac, a director since 1991, is nearing retirement age and is not standing for re-election at the company's next annual meeting. Mr D'Albiac will continue to work for Jupiter on a part-time basis.

Land Rover sets production record

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

PRODUCTION of Land Rover vehicles has surged to a record in spite of recession abroad and a difficult market in Britain.

The company cut through worries of interest rate rises and weak markets on the Continent by making 94,716 vehicles. That was 39 per cent more than the total for 1993 of 68,159 and 38 per cent better than the previous record, set in 1990, of 68,621.

The factory at Solihull, West Midlands, is busier than at any time since the Land Rover was conceived and launched in 1948 as a tough, go-anywhere vehicle. At a time when the motor industry has been contracting, Land Rover has recruited more than 1,000 people this year at Solihull, taking its staff to more than 10,700.

The output increase coincides with the introduction of the new Range Rover, a £200 million investment in a luxury vehicle which sells widely throughout the world. That helped to boost weekly production from 1,800 vehicles to 2,600 from this month. Most of the increase comes from the new Range Rover and the Land Rover Discovery, a cross-breed of utility and family estate which has become the top-selling four-wheel-drive vehicle in Britain. It is popular across Europe and the United States and is sold in Japan as the Honda Crossroad. Almost 54,500 Discoverys were built, compared with 35,620 in 1993.

Land Rover said yesterday that output of its traditional robust vehicle, descended from the original concept 46 years ago, had also gone up. Production of the Defender 4x4 rose from 17,950 in 1993 to 22,265 this year.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Confidence slipping in building sector

CONSTRUCTION industry confidence for 1995 is "already waning", according to chartered surveyors' leaders today. While output in the construction industry is expected to increase, the rate of growth will be "slow". The latest state-of-trade business survey from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, representing surveyors working in six key property markets, including 40,000 in construction, says that 1994 was a year of "high hopes, but little progress".

Christopher Vickers, the institution's construction spokesman, says today: "While business improved over the year, recovery in the construction industry has not been as strong or as rapid as many had hoped. Confidence about 1995 is already waning." While many of the half million jobs lost since the recession began would never be replaced, the institution forecasts that employment will rise by about 7,000 in 1995, though many jobs hang on projects under the Government's private finance initiative. Inflation in tender prices is forecast to ease, with prices expected to rise by 5.6 per cent in 1995 and by 4.5 per cent in 1996.

Unisys cuts 4,000 jobs

UNISYS, the computer company, is to cut 4,000 jobs worldwide, about 8.5 per cent of the workforce, and charge between $175 million and $225 million to fourth-quarter profits as part of a shift to consultancy and services away from the core hardware business. Its mainstay commercial hardware business has suffered from shrinking profit margins in recent years. One analyst said: "Previous cutting did not go far enough and they had to revisit their strategy."

Pru buys into Thailand

PRUDENTIAL CORPORATION, Britain's biggest life insurer, has bought a 24.99 per cent stake in Thai Sethakit Life Assurance for about £13 million in cash. Prudential intends to make a tender offer at the same price for more shares in February 1995. The news follows months of talks with the major shareholders of the TS Life, which is quoted on the Thailand Stock Exchange. Prudential bought 7.725 million shares of TS Life. Prudential shares fell 5p to 317p.

Hill Hire starts at 97p

SHARES in Hill Hire made their debut at 97p, a 3p premium to the offer price after the commercial vehicle group's demerger from Birkby through an institutional share placing. The flotation values Hill at £25.5 million, with Birkby retaining a 44 per cent interest. Hill, which has bought Ember Rental from Birkby for £2.7 million, will use flotation proceeds to repay debts and finance development of a new site. Birkby shares were unchanged at 213p.

Banesto sells bank stake

BANESTO, the troubled Spanish bank, is selling its 50 per cent stake in Portugal's Banco Totta y Acores for 153 billion escudos (£624 million) to Antonio Champalimaud, a Portugese businessman. The deal comes after a year of negotiations between Banesto and the Portuguese Government, which had said the stake violated Portuguese law. Banesto maintained that the stake was legal, and in line with European Commission competition norms.

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☐ Accountants' feet still firmly on ladder ☐ The coming of age of Airbus ☐ Little cheer in spite of fewer business failures

Still banking on Warburg

☐ CYNICS will have a field day with the news that SG Warburg has again elbowed aside its rivals to win more business by value than any other City firm, echoing King Pyrrhus and claiming that another successful year like that should just about finish off the bank.

Warburg certainly exits 1994 with rather less lustre attached to its historic name than the bank enjoyed at the start of the year. It came out of the Enterprise Oil saga in the summer with rather fewer friends than hitherto, in spite of a face-saving contribution to charity, while the inability to complete the deal with Morgan Stanley prompted the inevitable snide comments.

But the City mutterings about Warburg inevitably stem from natural envy and a typically British denigration of success. The failed merger with Morgan Stanley came as a result of an American unwillingness to spill blood in the accompanying necessary cutbacks of its European operations rather than any failing on Warburg's part. Meanwhile, few of the latter's critics are prepared to put up good money that the bank will not again be at the top of the league table on mergers and acquisitions when 1995 comes to a close.

A feature of the 1994 list is the apparently unstoppable rise of the accountants. Time was, in the hungry 1980s, when any young blade newly qualified and looking to head for the financial bright lights could not wait to shake the dust of his accountancy *alma mater* off his handmade brogues and sign up with one of the big merchant banks.

But in the more uncertain 1990s, while the banks are now discreetly downsizing, including even Warburg and Goldman Sachs, in spite of the latter's arrival out of nowhere to fourth place in the league table, the accountants are still hiring, to judge by anecdotal evidence from the City gossip mill. They are also consolidating their grip on the second half of the table's top 20, helped by the amount of private corporate work around. KPMG Peat Marwick is lodged at tenth place, and four out of the rest of the big six fall somewhere into the teens.

Most of the normal faces were present at the top end of the table, with some shufflings of position. Baring Brothers and Robert Fleming both did well, while of the former high-fliers, Hambros, which had a poor year, slipped from fifth to 20th, and Hill Samuel seems to have disappeared without trace. It is at least heartening, among all those big-hitters, to see one small corporate finance boutique, JO Hambro Magan, making it to the top table and into 15th place.

One chilling statistic: fees earned by bankers, accountants and solicitors in the City did manage to edge ahead by £20 million to £120 million. But this still looks hopelessly inadequate when compared with 1989's record £800 million — earned at the time when today's big mergers and acquisitions teams were being put in place.

Staying small to be big

☐ AIRBUS Industrie has come of age. During 1994, the European jetliner consortium secured 110 orders, just one fewer than Boeing, which has been the western world's biggest civil planemaker for 40 years.

In the 24 years since its foundation, the four-nation Groupement D'Intérêt Économique has designed, built and delivered 1,219 aircraft. A further 584 aircraft are on order. At current production rates, that is an order book of more than four years, without counting options.



Critics used to complain that Airbus was propped up by state subsidy, and dependent on state-owned airlines for its sales. Neither argument now holds water. American investigators have shown that Boeing and McDonnell Douglas both received more in disguised state aid than Airbus. Companies like Singapore Airlines and ILFC buy Airbus planes not through sentiment, but because of their ability to make money for their operators. This should not be surprising. By combining the talents of Aérospatiale of France, Deutsche Aerospace in Germany, British Aerospace and Casa of Spain, the Europeans have created a successful business with fine products.

New thinking and new technologies have enabled the Europeans to build more sophisticated aircraft more cheaply than their principle American rivals. And far from proving a handicap, designing and building its aircraft wings in Britain, cockpits in France, and fuselage sections in Germany, has made Airbus an innovator in simultaneous assembly.

After chemicals, aerospace is the only key area of manufacturing in which Britain still has a balance of trade surplus. Airbus is now contributing around £800 million a year to our balance of payments, and to profitable sales by British Aerospace.

Where Rolls-Royce provides the engines, as it often does on the latest and biggest Airbus twin-jet, the A330, the United Kingdom content can reach 50 per cent of a plane costing $100 million. The British aerospace industry has learned that a small share of a programme with viable production runs is infinitely preferrable to a wholly-owned, loss-making project.

Failing to find the 'feel-good' factor

☐ THERE are a number of reasons for keeping the champagne in the fridge for next year rather than splashing out and celebrating what must, somewhat tortuously but strictly accurately, be defined as the largest proportionate annual fall in the number of business failures.

First, a statistical funny: changes in Scottish bankruptcy laws mean that only the England and Wales figures are directly comparable. Second, Dun & Bradstreet's numbers go back to 1980, making longer-term comparisons difficult even if that year or the one before can claim to be the date of the founding of the new economic order.

Third, the figures involved are getting so huge that even expressed in percentage terms the swings from one year to another can look alarmingly large. In 1980, almost 11,000 English and Welsh firms went bust; 14 years later this number had almost quadrupled — and that after having stood at almost 50,000 in 1993. The break-up of big, unwieldy traditional concerns, a feature of the 1980s, into smaller units, the rise of the management buyout, the tax and other incentives designed to prompt the formation of the small business, the growth of self-employment — all mean that the number of companies in circulation has risen, and so did the number of failures, each one representing a human tragedy with inevitable knock-on effects.

The D&B figures therefore look to be yet another of those much-trumpeted favourable economic statistics that will do little to bring back the much-needed "feel-good" factor.

Veiled threat

☐ THE life insurers must feel they are being asked to do the Dance of the Seven Veils. The first veil, commission rates, is almost on the floor. The second being stripped aside is the number of policyholders who walk away each year. The industry must be hoping the third veil, now under consideration, will not turn out to be the individual registration of every salesman authorised to sell their products.



The lion's share of the MGM cinema up for sale are in Britain. They once belonged to Giancarlo Parretti

Crédit Lyonnais to sell MGM's Euro cinemas

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

CRÉDIT Lyonnais, the state-controlled French bank, has activated plans to sell all of its 526 European MGM cinemas, the lion's share of which are in Britain.

A spokeswoman for the loss-making bank said from Paris that SG Warburg, the British merchant bank, had been instructed to manage the sale of the chain of cinemas. It was hoped that the disposal could be concluded in the first half of next year.

The bank, which has long declared its intention to dispose of assets to restore financial health, is expected to raise up to Fr1.2 billion from an offer by tender of the cinemas.

MGM cinemas, which form the leading chain in Britain, came under the French bank's wing after a technicoloured history of owners. As the ABC chain, they were sold in 1986 by Thorn EMI to Alan Bond, the bankrupt Australian businessman. He sold them to Menahem Golan and Yoram Globus, the Israeli entrepreneurial duo.

It was when Mr Golan and Mr Globus ran into financial difficulties in the late 1980s that Giancarlo Parretti, the Italian waiter-turned-financier, bought the cinemas, besides paying $1.3 billion for the MGM studios in Hollywood. As Signor Parretti's main creditor, Crédit Lyonnais picked up the MGM empire when he ran into financial problems, defaulting on a $1 billion loan. The bank also plans to sell the studio when a buyer can be found.

The news that Warburg has been asked to start the sale process for Crédit Lyonnais, which figures prominently on the French Government's privatisation list, comes shortly after Warburg was selected as sole lead manager of the UK tranche of Deutsche Telekom, Europe's biggest privatisation to date.

Crédit Lyonnais, which last year lost Fr6.9 billion, hopes that selling the cinemas will make a start in recouping some of the Fr13.5 billion it has put into MGM.

After a first-half loss of Fr4.5 billion, Jean Peyrelévade, the bank president, this week forecast a return to the black next year. He said a heavy full-year loss was expected for the whole of 1994, but gave no details.

The bank made massive losses in property and has been heavily criticised for imprudent and politically motivated lending under its previous management.

M Peyrelévade was appointed president last year to replace Jean-Yves Haberer, the man held responsible for the costly over-expansion of the bank.

Crédit Lyonnais's more colourful clients have included Bernard Tapie, the French businessman-turned-politician, who has spent much of this year trying to prevent the bank from seizing his assets.

M Tapie argued that because of his involvement in politics, he left the running of his companies to his banker, the Société de Banque Occidentale, a subsidiary of Crédit Lyonnais.

Warburgs tops takeover league

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

SG WARBURG has again come out ahead of other City banks in an annual league table of business won on takeovers and other corporate deals (See Pennington, this page).

The merchant bank retained first place in 1994, in spite of a year that was capped by the failure of its planned merger with Morgan Stanley, the American securities house.

This is the third year running that Warburgs has topped the league table compiled by *Acquisitions Monthly*, the specialist magazine. It ranks by value the total public and private deals carried out by City firms.

Warburgs worked on deals worth just over £4 billion, most recently as adviser to Trafalgar House in the engineering to shipping conglomerate's £1.2 billion hostile assault on Northern Electric, and to De La Rue, which bid £672 million for Portals Group, the specialist papermaker. It was only just ahead of Schroders, with a workload worth £3.8 billion, but the holder of third place, Baring Brothers, was almost £1 billion behind this.

The winner worked on a total of 36 deals, ten of them involving quoted companies. Schroders notched up 28 transactions, eight of them in the public sector.

Acquisitions Monthly says the number of public bids in 1994 rose to 62, worth more than £5 billion between them, against 53 worth £3 billion in 1993. The number of private acquisitions rose even more sharply, from 692 deals to 935, with their total value doubling to £11.4 billion.

At the height of the takeover boom in 1989 there were more than 2,000 completed transactions valued at £45 billion.

Philip Healey, editor of *Acquisitions Monthly*, said the signs for 1995 augured well for the volume of mergers and acquisitions work the City can look forward to.

Changes made by First Choice

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

FIRST CHOICE, the UK holiday firm previously known as Owners Abroad, has shaken up its board as part of a series of changes to its alliance agreement with LTU, the German travel company that owns Thomas Cook.

Christopher Rodrigues, chief executive of Thomas Cook, is to leave the board with effect from January 1. He will be replaced by Wolfgang Trube, chief executive of Westdeutsche Spielbanken, which owns LTU and holds a 21 per cent stake in First Choice through Thomas Cook.

Thomas Cook bought the stake last year when First Choice was fighting off a hostile takeover bid from Airtours, one of its biggest competitors. The British group had hoped that the link would produce substantial cost savings.

However, it said yesterday that these savings had failed to materialise in the quantities expected and it had therefore decided to terminate the commercial agreement between the two businesses.

Both sides had been expecting benefits through shared aircraft maintenance and fuel buying and increased purchasing power in holiday bookings. The retail agreement with Thomas Cook, which allows First Choice products to be distributed through the chain, will remain in place.

A First Choice spokesman said: "It is not the end of an alliance, it simply reflects the reality of the situation. There have not been the benefits the previous management had suggested."

He said the board changes, which were agreed by all sides, recognised that First Choice was moving out of the brand reconstruction and recovery phase. "With recovery now in place, it is more appropriate to have someone who is monitoring the investment."

Baird to pay £14.5m for clothes firms

WILLIAM Baird, the Marks and Spencer clothing supplier, is to buy the Melka men's outerwear and leisurewear and Tenson sportswear businesses from Sweden's AB Molnlycke for about £14.5 million (Martin Barrow writes).

Melka-Tenson, which operates under a single management team, earned pre-tax profits of £2.7 million in 1993. With turnover of more than £60 million, a pre-tax profit of about £2.8 million is forecast for the year ending December 31. Net assets are approximately £6 million.

Donald Parr, chairman of William Baird, said the acquisition consideration would be paid from existing resources. No borrowings would be assumed, but during 1995 average funding requirements would be £3.5 million.

Yarrow yard may build South African warships

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

GEC is close to winning an order to build four corvettes for the South African Navy.

Armscor, the state's arms procurement agency, has announced that only Yarrow Shipbuilders, part of GEC-Marconi, and the state-owned Bazan yard in Spain are still being considered for the contract.

It has turned down a $1 billion tender by DCNI of France, which offered to include a submarine in its package. The agency has also rejected rival bids from the German Frigate Consortium and the Danish firm Svendborg, which had been considered by defence analysts to be the favourite contender.

A final decision on awarding the contract will be taken in the new year and would depend on the defence budget, Armscor said. It is expected that countertrade proposals will be sought from the country that wins the bid involving at least 55 per cent of the contract price.

Armscor is seeking four 83-metre corvettes, equipped with helicopters, to replace a flotilla of worn-out Israeli-built patrol boats, which have proved inadequate for the rough seas round South Africa.

Antony Preston, a London-based naval analyst, believes Armscor wants to buy bare hulls, each costing around £33 million, which could be fitted with weapons and electronics in South Africa. The ships would probably be equipped with Lynx light helicopters from Westland, part of GKN, costing a further £10 million each.

GEC is thought to have offered three options: fully equipped ships or bare hulls, which would by built at its Yarrow yard on the Clyde, or construction of the ships in South Africa.

South Africa has been pressing Britain to buy its Rooivalk attack helicopter, which is being considered, along with European and American competitors, to equip the British Army.

A British High Commission spokesman declined to comment on suggestions that Yarrow's winning the contract would depend on Britain agreeing to buy the Rooivalk in a countertrade deal.

Joe Modise, the South African Defence Minister, has declared his desire to pursue a buy-British policy, but he has insisted on the need to create jobs in South Africa by exploiting his country's defence expertise in foreign markets.

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Investors urged to turn on to utility companies

AVOID the utility companies at your peril in the new year. That was the message from brokers to clients yesterday, amid mounting speculation that a spate of takeovers are already being planned.

While the rest of the equity market sported a fall of more than 10 per cent on the year, the water companies and electricity distributors have gone from strength to strength. Traders were insistent that it was not just generous dividend policies that attracted investors. The prospect of as many as half-a-dozen bids have also whetted their appetites.

However, a lot will depend on the outcome of the £1.2 billion offer for **Northern Electric** from **Trafalgar House**. There was a lull in the fighting yesterday, with Northern easing 5p to £10.05, while Trafalgar slipped 1½p to 73½p, on turnover of 7.3 million shares.

As for the rest of the electricity companies, it was an all too familiar theme, with prices opening lower on profit-taking before rebounding as the buyers came back in. **East Midland** touched 832p before closing 7p better at 845p, while gains were also reported in **Eastern**, 5p to 784p, **London**, 3p to 741p, **Manweb**, 14p to 869p, **Midlands**, 10p to 808p, **Norweb**, 11p to 861p, **Seeboard**, 8p to 485p, **South West**, 4p to 878p, **South Wales**, 9p to 887p, **Southern**, 4p to 811p, and **Yorkshire**, 11p to 718p.

The water companies failed to make headway with no less than 19 companies going ex-dividend. **Anglian** eased 4p to 514p, **North West** 8p to 544p, **Severn Trent** 8p to 532p, **South West** 5p to 508p, **Thames** 8p to 484p, and **Welsh** 8p to 659p. Only **Northumbrian** made headway, adding 6p to 732p.

Share prices generally fell sharply, reflecting the overnight setback for the Dow Jones average on Wall Street. The FT-SE 100 index had to endure a futures-related sell-off, with attempts at a rally short-lived. The index closed 30.2 points down, at 3,065.6, in thin conditions that saw 393 million shares traded. NatWest Securities, the broker, is said to have accounted for about a third of the fall, after moving into the futures pit executing a number of arbitrage transactions believed to be linked to year-end book squaring.

Christmas is probably not the best time of the year to stage a stock market debut, but **Hill Hire** managed to establish a modest premium in first-time trading. Offered at 94p, the shares started life at 98p, before ending the session with a 3p premium at 97p, as more than 1 million shares changed hands. The commercial vehicle group was demerged from Birkby, the space management company, after an institutional placing of 14.15 million shares, valuing the entire company at £25.5 million. Birkby will continue to own a 44 per cent stake in Hill Hire.

Hunterprint, the troubled printer, saw its shares drop ¼p to 1¾p after Quebecor, the Canadian company, decided to extend its offer until January 11, after receiving acceptances for its 2p cash offer totalling 77.15 per cent. In 1987, Hunterprint was valued at £85 million. It is now valued at £1.23 million.

The insurance companies appear to be looking towards 1995 with trepidation. New rules come into force on January 1, requiring salesmen to disclose their commission and other charges before a deal is signed. Analysts in the Square Mile are saying that sales in Britain could slump between 10 and 20 per cent.

Losses were recorded in **Britannic**, 3p to 395p, **Legal & General**, 2½p to 432½p, and **Prudential**, 6p to 316p.

The insurance composites also remained under a cloud reflecting concern about a home insurance price war developing in the new year, after the decision of the Halifax Building Society to slash its premiums. There were losses for **Commercial Union**, 15p to 503p, **Guardian Royal Exchange**, 5p to 165p, **General Accident**, 13p to 505p, **Royal Insurance**, 4p to 276p, and **Sun Alliance**, 9p to 291p.

British Aerospace retreated 7p to 427p, failing to draw strength from the news that Airbus Industrie, in which it has a 20 per cent stake, has been awarded a $1.5 billion contract to supply the International Lease Finance Corporation with 30 aircraft between February 1996 and the turn of the century. There is an option on a further 10 aircraft. Initially, the group will supply eight A319s, 13 A320s and nine A321s.

There were signs of a pick-up in **Berkeley Business Group**, the photocopier supplier that used to trade under the name of Business Technology Group. Speculative buying saw the price touch 10½p before closing 1p dearer at 9½p as more than 522,000 shares changed hands. This year, the group raised funds by way of a rights issue at 7p. Alan Baldwin, the chairman, wants to turn Berkeley into a *wide ranging services* company.

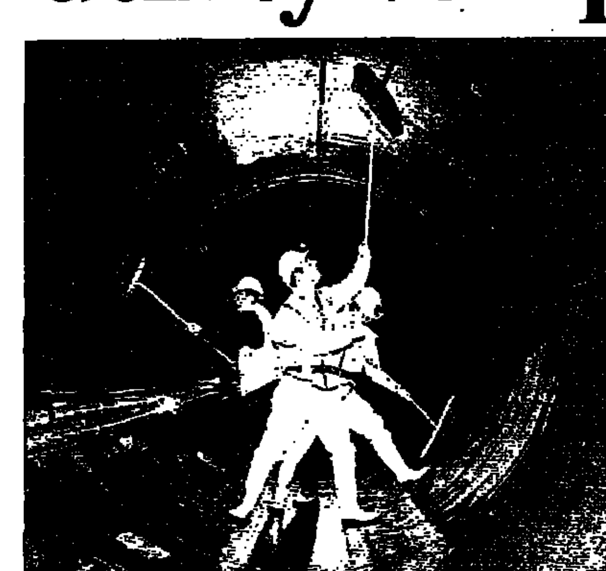
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts suffered losses stretching more than £2 at the longer end as the buyers beat a hasty retreat after being hit by a welter of negative news both at home and abroad.

Prices were marked lower initially, reflecting overnight losses for US Treasuries in the face of a falling dollar and the news that John Major was looking to reduce the basic rate of tax next year to 20p. A failed German bund auction only added to the misery among traders. Later in the day came news of a stronger than expected rise in US leading indicators.

In the futures pit, the March series of the Long Gilt closed almost £2 down at £100 15/32 as the number of contracts completed surged to 21,000.

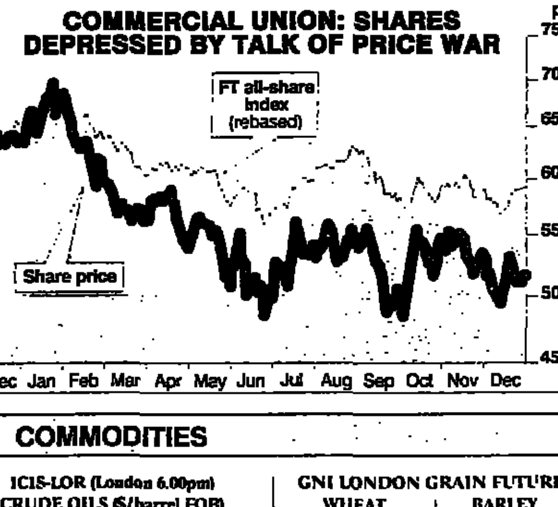
In conventionals, Treasury 9 per cent tumbled £2 3/32, while at the shorter end Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 fell £13/16 to £102¾.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Shares were lower at midday, in lacklustre trading, with the market depressed by weaker bonds and a dreary dollar. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 2.36 points, at 3,837.13.



Water companies have gone from strength to strength

Chepstow Racecourse issued a statement dispelling speculation about profits after the abandonment of Tuesday's Welsh Grand National, pointing out that the meeting was covered by insurance. There was certainly no pressure on Chepstow which remained at 850p, having last been traded on December 7.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	3837.13 (-2.36)
S&P Composite	460.68 (-0.18)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	19752.98 (+87.45)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	8196.02 (-72.20)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	414.47 (-0.34)
Sydney:	
AO	1932.8 (-2.7)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2077.03 (-31.98)
Singapore:	
Straits	2243.02 (+8.87)
Brussels:	
General	7248.64 (-21.63)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1894.15 (-33.68)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	650.50 (-4.10)
London:	
FT 30	2359.2 (-21.8)
FT 100	3065.6 (-30.2)
FT-SE Mid 250	3498.4 (-7.7)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1327.46 (-19.43)
FT A All-Share	1521.15 (-11.49)
FT Non Financials	1644.90 (-12.14)
FT Gold Mines	242.0 (+3.6)
FT Fixed Interest	109.71 (-0.13)
FT Govt Secs	91.03 (-0.98)
Bargains	12844
SEAQ Volume	393.4m
USM (Datastrm)	149.33 (+0.10)
US$	1.5595 (+0.0155)
German Mark	2.4180 (-0.0115)
Exchange Index	79.6 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2695
£:SDR	1.0676
RPI	145.3 Nov (2.6%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Asset Mngmnt Inv (100)	97	...
BSkyB	256½	-1
British Asts Gth	64	...
Clydeport	167	...
Euclidian (100)	97	...
Fidelity Sp Val	92	...
Fidelity Sp Val W	27	...
First Russ Fts ($10)	620	...
Fleming Nat Res (100)	92	...
For & Col Emrg C (100)	102¼	+¼
Gartmore Mcr Uts (500)	510	+2
Hill Hire	97	...
Hydro Intl (80)	83	...
INVESCO Korea C	95½	...
Innovative Techs (120)	123	...
Investors Capital	90	...
Invstrs Cap Inc An	38	...
Kiln Capital (100)	100	...
Leg & Gen Recvry (100)	99	...
MICE Group (3)	3¼	...
Mthsn Lloyds IT (100)	85	...
Murray Emrg Ec (100)	90½	...
RAP Group	138	...
RM (175)	206	...
Residential Prop	101	...
SeaPerfect (120)	129	...
TeleWest Comm (182)	171	-1½
Wellington Under (100)	102	...
Woodchstr Uts	118	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cowie n/p (190)	37	...
Divisn Grp n/p (100)	17	...
Inspirations n/p (120)	16	...
MY n/p (55)	¼	...
OMI n/p (37)	2	...
Tomrrws Leis n/p (10)	½	...
Trio n/p (25)	¼	...
Verity n/p (7½)	1	...
Wiker Grbnk n/p (90)	11	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Burmah Castrol ... 812p (+7p)
Kingfisher ... 443p (+5p)

FALLS:
Cable & Wireless ... 378p (-12p)
Comm Union ... 504p (-14p)
RMC Group ... 940p (-15½p)

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TEMPUS

Life on the margin

LIFE insurance companies are fortunate that their financial performance remains impenetrable to the layman with so much of the profit dependent on allocations from investment returns. For their customers, however, the veil of secrecy and gobbledygook is about to be lifted an inch or two. From January 1, life policy vendors must to disclose the initial commission charged and the annual administration fee.

None of this is good news for the sector, which is heading for a squeeze on margins and possibly a major shakeout. The immediate losers are likely to be tied agents who live off commission, selling a single firm's products, and those companies which depend heavily on sales forces remunerated on commission. Purchasers of insurance are likely to be put off hefty initial commissions, and life companies will be seeking ways to bury their marketing costs in administration charges: market research suggests that annual charges are less of a downer than one-off commissions that can amount to an entire year's premium.

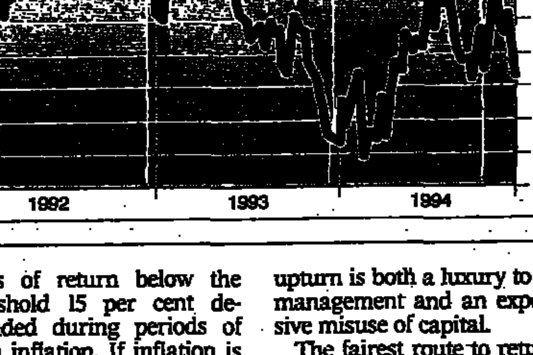
The banks and building societies are currently rubbing their hands in glee over disclosure. The *bancassurance* strategy assumes that bank branches can piggy back insurance sales on banking and mortgage services. A low-cost strategy implies they can charge lower commissions, but the banks may have more to lose. *Bancassurers* mainly sell endowment policies — a product with a poor reputation — and as competition increases, banks will seek to widen their life business. That will lead to more staff and more training. Having started with a low-cost and high-margin business, the banks could be headed for a cost-price squeeze.

Oil

COMMODITIES enjoyed a terrific year with prices of base metals like copper and aluminium soaring in response to renewed demand. Oil started the year almost comatose with Brent crude prices dipping below $13 per barrel. It rallied steadily, reaching $18-plus in the summer because of strengthening demand and falling inventories, but since then has fallen back, leaving most oil companies averaging prices of $15-16 for the year.

News in November that Opec was maintaining 24.5 million barrels per day did little for the oil price. The problem is that increased demand from economic recovery in the US has largely been satisfied by non-Opec supplies which continue to rise. Some 800,000 of the 1 million barrel increase in demand for oil in 1994 came from non-Opec producers such as the North Sea and that pattern could well repeat itself in 1995.

The cartel's members are already cheating on their 1994 quota and cash flow pressures on countries like Iran and Kuwait could lead to further quota breaches next year. Over the last two to three years the oil exploration and production sector bit the bullet and refashioned itself for a world of continuing low real oil prices. As economic recovery spreads to Continental Europe further growth in energy demand is expected but the oil sector can at best hope for another $1 on the price of crude in 1995.



Cash in hand

FOR the corporate sector, 1993 was the year of the rights issue. Those that survived the recession turned to shareholders for money to pay for the bad deals struck by management during the 1980s. But 1994 seems to have been the year of loadsamoney, with successful industrial companies piling up huge cash mountains generated from operations made leaner through the recession. For investors, the question for 1995 must be whether the cash piles will be invested, returned to shareholders or allowed to rot in the bank.

The electricity companies figured large among the cash machines, a phenomenon caused in part by the generosity of the Government, which failed to gear the companies appropriately when they were sold to the public. More worrying is the apparent reluctance of industrial companies to invest at rates of return below the threshold 15 per cent demanded during periods of high inflation. If inflation is to stay within government forecasts, companies are either requiring real returns of more than 11 per cent — a demanding target — or demonstrating little faith in the low inflation scenario.

Both interpretations offer a depressing outlook for corporate UK. A reluctance to invest in new capacity can lead to bottlenecks in supply, which in turn will lead to inflation. By insisting on unreasonably high returns and curbing investment, companies could create the same inflationary climate that appears to be built into their scenarios.

Companies would blame investors: rates of return are high to satisfy dividend expectations, they say. If that is the case, investors will next year demand even greater payouts from companies hoarding cash. A debt-free balance sheet in an economic upturn is both a luxury to its management and an expensive misuse of capital.

The fairest route to return assets to shareholders is a special dividend as demonstrated by both East Midlands Electricity and more recently by Great Universal Stores. Share buy-backs do little for the small shareholder despite any theoretical boost to earnings per share. The loot is parcelled out by the company's broker to big institutions, which are given due warning of the handout while the small investor is left, as usual, in the dark.

Investors can fight back at the empire-building of corporate treasurers: there are any number of banks offering small returns for deposit and posing less risk than industrial companies that have an alarming tendency to play with their cash in the swaps market. No company needs to keep money for a rainy day. In any case, when the first drops begin to fall, a rights issue is sure to follow.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	972-971	Mar	1024-1020
Mar	984-983	May	1035 SLR
May	980-978	Jul	1047-1043
Jul	990 SLR	Sep	1056-1054
Sep	1000 SLR		
Dec	1010-1009		Volume: 1703

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	2825-2820	Sep	2850-2835
Mar	2877-2875	Nov	2850-2835
May	2845-2838	Jan	2850-2835
Jul	2840-2830		Volume: 4306

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	365.0-62.0
Spot: 414.30		Dec	357.5-53.9
Mar	410.5-09.5	Mar	357.2-49.4
May	405.5-04.0	May	356.6-47.4
Aug	395.0-93.0		Volume: 399

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 28

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	85.61	123.08	121.21
(+/-)	+3.85	-1.43	+0.19
Eng/Wales:	85.77	122.04	120.28
(+/-)	+4.01	-3.32	-0.15
(%)	+22.0	+35.0	+7.0
Scotland:	81.01	125.15	125.83
(+/-)	unq	+3.38	+1.62
(%)		+120.0	-7.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.25	+0.10
Brent 15 day (Feb)	16.50	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Mar)	16.50	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	17.80	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	17.75	n/c

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	B.	O:
Premium Gas .15	162 (+1)	164 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	146 (+2)	148 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Feb	149 (+2)	152 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Mar	151 (+2)	154 (+3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	101 (+3)	103 (+3)
Naphtha	162 (-1)	165 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jan	146.75-47.00	Apr	151.75-52.00
Feb	149.25-49.75	May	152.25-52.50
Mar	151.25-51.50		Vol: 16931

BRENT (6.00pm)

Feb	16.49-16.50	May	16.52 SLR
Mar	16.47-16.48	Jun	16.49-16.54
Apr	16.47-16.49		Vol: 19981

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jan	109.10	Jan	104.00
Mar	110.35	Mar	105.75
May	112.30	May	107.75
Jul	114.20	Sep	95.75
Sep	97.50	Nov	97.50
Volume: 210		Volume: 2	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	unq
Apr	280.0	279.5
May	unq	305.5
		Volume: 23

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Feb ... 101.75-102.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 95	2005	2005	2005
Feb 95	2020	2010	2016
Mar 95	unq	unq	2013
Apr 95	1915	1910	1916
Vol: 79 lots		Open interest: 3314	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	3027.0-3028.0	3003.0-3004.0	1161525
Lead ($/tonne)	648.00-648.50	666.00-667.00	166125
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1133.5-1134.5	1160.0-1161.0	375325
Tin ($/tonne)	5990.0-6000.0	6090.0-6095.0	20895
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1954.0-1955.0	1978.5-1979.0	781675
Nickel ($/tonne)	8790.0-8800.0	8940.0-8950.0	57756

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Mar 95	3107.0	3112.0	3075.0	3077.0	8088
Previous open interest: 58226	Jun 95				3090.0	0
FT-SE 250	Mar 95	3515.0	3515.0	3515.0	3507.5	43
Previous open interest: 3925	Jun 95					0
Three Month Sterling	Mar 95	92.65	92.65	92.52	92.53	14756
Previous open interest: 395506	Jun 95	91.96	91.96	91.82	91.83	3448
	Sep 95	91.46	91.46	91.33	91.33	2134
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 95	92.78	92.80	92.78	92.77	200
Previous open interest: 2076	Jun 95				91.99	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 95	94.44	94.48	94.38	94.38	21113
Previous open interest: 666821	Jun 95	94.08	94.10	93.99	93.99	11758
Long Gilt	Mar 95	102-10	102-10	100-14	100-15	28407
Previous open interest: 103892	*Jun 95*				*99-15*	*0*
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 95	108.72	108.85	108.72	108.83	589
	Jun 95				108.15	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 95	89.60	89.70	88.75	88.80	50009
Previous open interest: 167194	Jun 95				88.18	0
Three month ECU	Mar 95	93.25	93.26	93.16	93.16	948
Previous open interest: 19658	Jun 95	92.87	92.87	92.76	92.76	212
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 95	95.53	95.53	95.48	95.49	2111
Previous open interest: 33062	Jun 95	95.20	95.20	95.18	95.19	102
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 95	99.70	99.70	98.75	98.81	9408
Previous open interest: 43666	*Jun 95*				*98.11*	*0*

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¼ Finance Hse 6¾
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 4¾ Low 6¼ Week fixed: 5⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6¼ ; 3 mth 6¼ . Sell: 2 mth 6 ; 3 mth: 6¼ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6-5⅞	6⅛-6⅛	6⅛-6⅛	6⅝-6⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-6	6⅛-6⅛	6⅝-6⅞	7⅛-7⅛	7⅜-7⅞
Interbank:	6⅛-6	6⅛-6⅛	6⅝-6⅝	7⅛-7⅛	7⅞-7⅞

Overnight: open 4¾, close 6¼ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6	n/a	6⅝	7	7⅝
Sterling CDs:	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-6⅛	6⅝-6⅝	7⅛-6⅞	7⅝-7⅞
Dollar CDs:	5.90	n/a	6.16	6.90	7.57
Building Society CDs:	6⅛-6	6⅛-6⅛	6⅝-6⅝	7⅛-7	7⅝-7⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Nov 30, 1994 Agreed rates Dec 26, 1994 to Jan 24, 1994 Scheme III: 7.39 %. Reference rate Nov 1, 1994 to Nov 30, 1994 Scheme IV & V, 6.107 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅞-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-6⅛	6⅞-6⅞	5⅛-4⅞
Deutschemark:	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-4⅞	5⅜-5⅛	5⅜-5⅛	5⅛-4⅞
French Franc:	5⅝-5⅜	5⅝-5⅝	6⅛-6⅛	6⅝-6⅝	5⅝-4⅞
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-3⅞	4⅛-3⅞	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-3⅞
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $383.10-383.50 **Close:** $384.10-384.50 ***High:*** *$384.80-385.20*
Low: $382.50-382.90 **AM:** $383.15 **PM:** $383.25

Krugerrand: $383.50-384.50 (£246.50-247.50)

Platinum: $418.75 (£268.85) **Silver:** $4.91 (£3.155) **Palladium:** $157.25 (£100.95)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Dec 29	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7036-2.7210	2.7036-2.7070	⅛-¼pr	⅝-½pr
Brussels	*49.60-49.92*	*49.60-49.71*	*7pr-par*	*20-9pr*
Copenhagen	9.4800-9.5370	9.4800-9.4950	⅛-¼pr	1-½pr
Dublin	1.0060-1.0095	1.0063-1.0090	4-1pr	3-2pr
Frankfurt	2.4136-2.4296	2.4136-2.4168	⅛-¼pr	⅞-¾pr
Lisbon	248.11-249.69	248.11-248.75	76-98ds	234-257ds
Madrid	205.36-206.53	206.06-206.36	29-50ds	96-126ds
Milan	2533.00-2547.10	2533.00-2536.30	4-7ds	14-17ds
Montreal	2.1796-2.1986	2.1935-2.1965	0.06-0.02pr	0.07-0.20ds
New York	1.5520-1.5628	1.5590-1.5600	0.01-0.02ds	0.03-0.01pr
Oslo	10.5410-10.6040	10.5410-10.5570	⅛-⅜ds	1⅛-⅛pr
Paris	8.3380-8.3960	8.3380-8.3520	⅛-¼pr	⅛-½pr
Stockholm	11.5960-11.6450	11.6020-11.6260	1⅛-2⅛ds	3⅛-5⅛ds
Tokyo	154.71-155.98	155.19-155.46	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.00-17.11	17.02-17.06	1⅛-⅛pr	6⅛-4⅛pr
Zurich	2.0391-2.0558	2.0391-2.0421	⅛-¼pr	1⅛-1⅛pr

Source: Extel *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2870-1.2878
Austria	10.94-10.95
Belgium (Com)	31.92-31.96
Canada	1.4063-1.4068
Denmark	6.0970-6.1000
France	5.3682-5.3697
Germany	1.5525-1.5535
Hong Kong	7.7375-7.7385
Ireland	1.5439-1.5454
Italy	1629.35-1630.35
Japan	99.72-99.77
Malaysia	2.5590-2.5600
Netherlands	1.7389-1.7394
Norway	6.7780-6.7810
Portugal	159.81-159.91
Singapore	1.4615-1.4625
Spain	132.22-132.32
Sweden	7.4503-7.4578
Switzerland	1.3143-1.3153

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5567-1.5594
Australia dollar	2.0097-2.0116
Bahrain dinar	0.5795-0.5915
Brazil real*	1.3337-1.3377
Cyprus pound	0.74-0.75
Finland markka	7.310-7.426
Greece drachma	*372.50-379.50*
Hong Kong dollar	12.0821-12.0875
India rupee	48.32-49.28
Kuwait dinar KD	0.461-0.471
Malaysia ringgit	3.9959-3.9987
Mexico peso	unq
New Zealand dollar	2.4285-2.4319
Pakistan rupee	47.30 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7675-5.8935
Singapore dollar	2.2821-2.2852
S Africa rand (fin)	6.3278-6.3632
S Africa rand (com)	5.5303-5.5471
U A E dirham	5.645-5.769

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	46	Legal & Gn	299
ASDA Gp	5,900	Lloyds Bk	2,900
Abbey Natl	1,300	MEPC	106
Alld Dom	847	Marks Spr	716
Argyll Gp	1,300	NatWst Bk	1,400
Arjo Wiggn	661	Nat Power	990
AB Foods	119	Nth Wst W	1,300
BAA	596	P & O	608
BAT Inds	*1,700*	Pearson	212
BOC	516	PowerGen	958
BP	3,300	Prudential	2,100
BTR	3,500	RMC	251
BT	6,900	RTZ	374
Bk of Scot	481	Rank Org	1,200
Barclays	1,000	Reckitt Col	56
Bass	1,200	Redland	428
Blue Circle	733	Reed Intl	95
Boots	1,000	Rentokil	429
Bowater	149	Reuters	1,200
Brit Aero	343	Rolls Royce	1,200
Brit Airwys	702	Ryl Ins	468
Brit Gas	*5,700*	*Ryl Bk Scot*	*3,800*
Brit Steel	1,100	Sainsbury	812
Burmah Cstl	396	Schroders	36
Cable Wire	2,500	Scot & New	255
Cadbury	683	Scot Power	1,800
Caradon	181	Sears	2,400
Carlton Cms	437	Svrn Trent	808
Cm Union	499	Shell Trans	2,100
Courtaulds	338	Siebe	551
De La Rue	102	SmKl Bch	1,200
Eastern Elec	864	Smith Nph	229
Enterpr Oil	126	Sthern Elec	1,100
Forte	1,700	Std Chartd	1,200
GKN	551	Sun Allnce	2,300
GRE	725	TI Gp	292
GUS	154	TSB	2,000
Gen Acc	776	Tesco	1,800
Gen Elec	1,500	Thames W	369
Glaxo	4,600	Thrn EMI	501
Granada	355	Tomkins	935
Grand Met	1,900	Unilever	895
Guinness	1,000	Utd Bisc	563
HSBC	913	Vodafone	4,100
Hanson	2,400	Warburg	241
ICI	882	Wellcome	827
Inchcape	161	Whitbread	1,100
Kingfisher	1,000	Wlms Hld	611
Ladbroke	1,600	Wolseley	43
Land Secs	413	Zeneca	293

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom.	500	39½	53	62½	0½	6½	12½
(*537½)	550	5	22½	33½	16½	25	34
Argyll	260	10	19½	25	4½	8	15
(*265½)	280	2	10	15	16½	19	26
ASDA	60	7½	9	10½	0½	2	3
(*67)	70	1½	3½	5½	5	6½	8
Boots	500	13½	32	39½	6½	15	23½
(*507½)	550	0	10½	17½	42½	45½	53
Br Airways	330	28½	40½	47	0½	7½	14
(*356½)	360	7½	22½	29½	9½	19½	27½
BP	420	13½	25½	34½	6	14	21
(*427)	460	1	9	17	33½	38	43½
Br Steel	140	15½	20	23½	0½	2½	5
(*155)	160	1½	8½	12	7	11	13½
C & W	360	22	36½	44	3	12	18½
(*378)	390	5	20	28½	16	26	33
CU	493	19	31	—	4½	23½	—
(*505)	543	1½	10½	—	38	57	—
ICI	750	18½	37	51	10½	34½	43
(*756½)	800	2½	16	30	44½	67	73½
Kingfishr	420	28	43	48	2	12	20
(*443½)	460	5	20	27½	20	30	40½
Land Sec	550	49½	60½	67½	0	4½	10½
(*597½)	600	10½	25	34	9	19	31½
M & S	390	12	24½	32½	4	10½	16
(*397½)	420	2½	10½	18	23	26½	33
Nat West	500	21½	35½	46½	6	26	31
(*513½)	550	2½	13½	25½	37½	57	60½
Sainsbury	390	22½	36	43½	2	9	18
(*409)	420	5	18½	27½	14½	22½	32½
Shell	650	51	60	66½	0	9	11
(*698)	700	11½	24½	35	9½	28½	31
Smkl Bch	420	40	49	57	0½	8½	14
(*458)	460	10	25	33½	11	24	30½
Storehse	200	16½	22½	27	0½	4½	7½
(*215½)	230	3½	10	15½	7½	12½	16
Trafalgar	70	5	9	11	1½	4	5½
(*73½)	80	1	4½	6½	7½	9½	11
Unilever	1150	24	51½	67½	13	39½	51
(*1157)	1200	5½	29½	45½	45½	70	80½
Zeneca	850	34½	53½	67½	6½	28	37
(*876)	900	8½	27	43	31	56	63½

Series		Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met.	390	18½	30½	36½	11	17	22½
(*404)	420	5	17	23	30	34	39
Ladbroke	160	13	16½	22½	3½	9	11
(*168)	180	3½	7½	13½	14	20	22½
Utd Bisc	300	29½	34½	39	1½	9	12
(*325½)	330	9½	16½	23	12	24	27

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	450	22½	36	—	1½	10	—
(*469)	475	7	21	—	11	20½	—
Thames W	460	27½	43	51	1½	10	20
(*484)	500	5	20½	29½	19	28	40½

Series		Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
BAT Ind	420	23½	34	36	8½	21½	29
(*431½)	460	6	15½	19½	31½	46½	53½
BTR	280	18½	23½	29½	4½	12½	15½
(*292½)	300	7½	13	19½	13½	23½	26
Br Aero	409	31½	44½	—	9	22	—
(*427½)	448	12½	27	—	29	43	—
Br Telcm	360	24	34½	41	4	7½	13½
(*377½)	390	7	17½	24½	17	21	28½
Cadbury	420	20	27	35	6½	18½	21
(*428½)	460	5	10½	19	32	44½	46
Guinness	420	33½	41½	46	2½	9½	13
(*447½)	460	9	18	25	18	28½	32
GEC	260	18½	26	30	2	5	9½
(*274)	280	7	14½	18½	10	13	19
Hanson	220	15½	19	22	2½	6½	10
(*232)	240	4½	8½	12	11	16	20
LASMO	140	10	15	18	3½	7	8
(*145½)	160	2	6	9½	15½	18½	19
Lucas	200	11½	17½	24	6	11½	14
(*204)	220	3½	9	15	18	22½	25½
Pilkingtn	160	9½	14½	18½	4	6	9½
(*164)	180	2	6	9½	17	18	20
Prudential	300	22½	28	33	3½	12½	15
(*317)	330	6½	12	18½	17	29	31½
Redland	460	18½	29½	34½	14½	32	37
(*460½)	500	4½	14	19	41½	59½	63½
R-Royce	160	21½	25	28	1	4	6
(*179½)	180	7½	12½	16½	7	12	14½
Tesco	240	12½	19	22½	4½	11½	14½
(*247)	260	3	10	13	14½	23	25½
Vodafone	200	13½	20½	24½	4	8	11
(*208½)	217	5	—	—	12½	—	—
Williams	300	20	27½	30½	3	11½	13½
(*315½)	330	4½	12	16½	18	28	29

FT-SE INDEX (*3065½)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Jan	126½	89½	55	29½	13½	6½
Feb	162½	126½	96½	68	46½	30½
Mar	180	146	117	87½	66	47½
Apr	191½	161	132	106	86	65½
Jun	—	193½	—	137½	—	99½
Puts						
Jan	13	22	39	66½	102½	149
Feb	35	49½	70	93	123	160
Mar	55½	72½	92½	113½	142	175
Apr	65½	85	105	129½	159	190½
Jun	—	107½	—	153	—	210

Series		Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	420	22	29	35	17	23½	28½
(*428)	460	6	13	19	44½	49	53
Amstrad	125	13	17	—	3½	6	—
(*134)	150	2½	6	—	18½	20½	—
Barclays	600	35½	45½	55½	22	32	39½
(*610½)	650	13½	24	34	53½	61½	68
Blue Circ	280	18	24	29½	10½	19	23
(*285)	300	9½	15	21	21½	31	34½
Br Gas	300	23	29	32	5½	12	14½
(*314)	330	8	13½	17½	20½	27½	30½
Dixons	180	16½	20½	23	6	8	10½
(*190½)	200	7	10½	13½	16	18	21½
Forte	220	24	28	31	3	8	10
(*238½)	240	10½	16	20	10½	17	19
Hillsdwn	160	21½	25	26	1	5½	7
(*178½)	180	7½	12½	14	7	15	16½
Lonrho	140	15	19½	22	3	6½	9
(*152)	160	4½	9½	12½	13	16½	19
Sears	110	6½	9	9	5½	8	8
(*110)	120	2½	5	5	11½	14½	14½
Thrn Emi	1000	56½	83	91½	16½	25	39½
(*1027½)	1050	28½	54½	63	39½	47	64
Tomkins	200	22	29	31½	2½	6	9½
(*219½)	220	10	17½	20	10	14	18½
TSB	220	19½	25½	27½	7	10	14
(*234)	240	9	14	18	17½	20½	24
Wellcome	*650*	*70*	*83*	*95*	*18*	*27½*	*36½*
(*698)	700	39½	56	69½	39½	50	59½

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo	690	21	41½	58	11	33½	42
(*699½)	700	3	20	36	43	63	71
HSBC	700	26½	46	63	11	39½	49
(*712)	750	6½	25	42	41½	70½	79
Reuter	460	17½	30½	42	5½	19	26
(*471)	500	2	13½	24	30	42	49½

Series		Calls Feb	May	Jul	Puts Feb	May	Jul
Royal Ins	260	23½	28½	33½	4	11½	13½
(*277)	280	11½	17½	23	12	21½	23½

Series		Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Fisons	100	15½	18	21	3½	6½	8
(*109½)	110	10	13	16½	8	11½	12½

Series		Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Eastern Gp	750	46	69	81½	16	30	44½
(*782½)	800	19	44	56	41	55	70

Series		Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	460	46½	58	63	6	14½	19½
(*494)	500	21½	34	41	20½	31½	37½
Scot Pwr	330	30½	41	46	9	14½	21½
(*353)	360	14	25	30½	23	28½	36

December 29, 1994 Tot: 13790 Call: 7663 Put: 6127 FT-SE Call: 2915 Put: 4117
*Underlying security price.

WALL STREET

	Dec 29 midday	Dec 28 close
AMP Inc	72¾	73
AMR Corp	52¾	52¾
AT & T	51¼	51¾
Abbott Labs	32½	33
Advanced Micro	24¾	24½
Aetna Life	47	47
Ahmanson (HF)	16½	16½
Air Prod & Chem	44	44½
Albertson's	29½	29¼
Alcan Alumnm	25¾	25¾
Alco Standard	63½	63½
Allied Signal	34½	34¾
Alum Co of Am	85½	85½
Amax Gold Inc	5½	6
Amerada Hess	44½	45
Amer Brands	37½	37½
Amer El Power	*32½*	*32½*
Amer Express	29½	29½
Amer Genl Corp	28	28¼
Amer Home Pr	63½	64
Amer Intl	98½	99½
Amer Stores	26½	26½
Ameritech	41½	41½
Amoco	58½	58½
Anheuser-Busch	51½	51½
Apple Computer	39½	39½
Archer Daniels	20½	20½
Armco	6½	6½
Armstrng Wrld	38½	38½
Asarco	28½	28½
Ashland Oil	34½	34½
Atl Richfield	102½	102½
Auto Data Pro	58½	59½
Avery Dennison	35½	35½
Avon Products	59½	59½
Baker Hughes	18½	18½
Baltim Gas & El	22½	22½
Banc One	25½	25½
BankAmerica	39½	39½
Bank of NY	29½	30
Bankers Tr NY	56	57½
Barnett Banks	38½	38½
Bausch & Lomb	33½	33½
Baxter Intl	28½	28½
Becton Dicknsn	48½	48½
Bell Atlantic	50½	51
BellSouth	54½	54½
Black & Decker	24½	24½
Block (H&R)	37½	37½
Boeing	47½	47½
Boise Cascade	26½	26½
Borden Inc	12½	12½
Bristol Myrs Sq	59½	59½
Browning Ferris	28½	28½
Brunswick	19	18½
Burlington Nthn	47½	48½
CBS	54½	53½
CNA Financial	64½	65½
CPC Intl	52½	52½
CSX	68½	68½
Campbell Soup	44½	44½
Can Pacific	15	15½
Cptl Cities ABC	*85½*	*85½*
Carolina Pwr	26½	27
Caterpillar	54½	54½
Central & SW	22½	22½
Champion Intl	36½	36½
Chase Manhat	34½	34½
Chemical Bk	36½	36½
Chevron Corp	44½	44½
Chrysler	48½	48½
Chubb Corp	77½	78
Cigna Corp	62½	62½
Citicorp	41	40½
Clorox	58½	59
Coastal Corp	25½	25½
Coca Cola	52½	52½
Colgate-Palmolive	62½	62½
Columbia Gas	23½	24
Compaq Comp	39½	39½
Comp Ass Int	47½	48
Conagra	31½	31½
Cons Edison	25½	25½
Cons Nat Gas	35½	35½
Cons Rail	48½	48½
Cooper Inds	33½	33½
Corning Inc	30½	30½
Crown Cork	38½	38½
Dana Corp	23½	23½
Dayton Hudson	69½	67½
Deere	65½	65½
Delta Air Lines	50½	50½
Deluxe Corp	26½	26½
Detroit Edison	26½	26½
Digital Equip	34½	34½
Dillard Dept St	26	26
Disney (Walt)	46½	46½
Dominion Res	36½	36½
Donelley (RR)	29½	29
Dover Corp	52½	52½
Dow Chemical	67½	67½
Dow Jones	30½	30½
Dresser	19½	19½
Duke Power	38½	38½
Dun & Bradstreet	54½	54½
Du Pont	56½	55½
Eastman Kodak	47½	47½
Eaton Corp	49	48½
Emerson Elec	62½	62½
Engelhard Corp	22½	22½

	Dec 29 midday	Dec 28 close
Enron Corp	29½	30½
Entergy	21½	21½
Ethyl Corp	9½	9½
Exxon	61½	61½
FMC Corp	57½	57½
FPL Group	34½	35
Federal Express	59½	59½
Fed Nat Mtge	72½	72½
First Chicago	47½	47½
First Interstate	67½	67½
First Union Rty	6½	6½
Fleet Finl Grp	32½	32
Fluor Corp	44	44½
Ford Motor	27½	27½
GTE Corp	30½	30½
Gannett	53½	53½
Gap Inc Del	*29½*	*29½*
Gen Dynamics	43½	43½
Gen Electric	51½	51½
Gen Mills	56½	56½
Gen Motors	41½	41½
Gen Reinsurance	125½	125
Gen Signal	32½	31½
Genuine Parts	36½	36½
Georgia Pac	71	70½
Gillette	75½	75½
Glaxo ADR	20½	20½
Goodrich (BF)	44½	44½
Goodyear Tire	34½	33½
Grace (W&R)	38½	38½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	18½	18½
Great Wstn Fin	*16½*	*16½*
Halliburton	33½	33½
Harcourt General	35½	35½
Heinz (HJ)	36½	36½
Hercules	114½	114½
Hershey Foods	49	48½
Hewlett Packard	101½	100½
Hilton Hotels	67	66½
Home Depot	46½	46½
Homestake Mng	17½	17½
Honeywell	31½	30½
Household Intl	36½	36½
Houston Inds	*35½*	*35½*
Humana	23½	23½
ITT Corp	87½	87½
Illinois Tool	42½	42½
Illinova	21½	21½
INCO	28½	28½
Ingersoll Rand	31½	31½
Inland Steel	34½	34½
Intel Corp	64	62½
IBM	73½	73
Intl Flav & Fr	46½	46½
Intl Paper	74	74½
James River Va	20½	20½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	55	55½
Kellogg	58½	58½
Kerr-McGee	46½	46½
Kimberly-Clark	51	51½
Kmart	12½	12½
Knight-Ridder	51½	50½
Lilly (Eli)	65½	65½
Limited Inc	18	17½
Lin Brdcstng	135	148½
Lincoln Nat	35½	35½
Litton	37	37½
Liz Claiborne	16	15½
Lockheed	71½	71½
Louisiana Pac	27½	27½
MCI Comm	18½	18½
Marriott Int	28	27½
Marsh & McLnn	79½	79½
Masco Corp	23½	23½
May Dept St	32½	33
Maytag Corp	14½	14½
McDonalds	29½	29½
McDonnell D	142½	142½
McGraw Hill	67½	67½
Mead Corp	49	49½
Medtronic	55½	55
Mellon Bk	30½	31
Melville Corp	30½	30½
Merck Inc	38½	39½
Merrill Lynch	36	35½
Minnesota Mine	53½	53½
Mobil Corp	85	85
Monsanto	69½	69½
Morgan (JP)	55½	55½
Motorola Inc	58½	58½
Natl Medical	13½	13½
Natl Semi	19½	19½
Natl Service Ind	25½	25½
Navistar Int	15½	15½
NBD Bancorp	28	28½
NY Times A	22½	21½
Newmont Mng	35½	35½
Niag Mohawk	14	13½
Nike B	74½	73½
NL Industries	12½	12
Noram Energy	5½	5½
Nordstrom	41½	40½
Norfolk Sthrn	60½	60½
Nthn State Pwr	45½	45½
Norwest Corp	23½	23½
Nynex Corp	*37½*	*37½*
Occidental Pet	19½	19½
Ohio Edison	18½	19½
Oracle Systems	44½	44½
Oryx Energy Co	11½	11½

	Dec 29 midday	Dec 28 close
Owens Corning	31½	30½
PNC Financial	21½	21½
PPG Industries	37½	38
Paccar Inc	42½	42½
Pacificorp	18½	18½
Pac Enterprises	20½	20½
Pac Gas & Elect	24½	24½
Pac Telesis	28½	28½
Pall Corp	18½	19
Panhandle East	19½	19½
Parker Hannifin	45½	45½
Peco Energy	24½	24½
Penney (JC)	43½	42½
Pennzoil	43½	43½
Pepsico	36½	36½
Pfizer	77½	77½
Phelps Dodge	*61½*	*61½*
Philip Morris	57½	58
Phillips Pet	33½	33½
Pitney Bowes	32½	31½
Polaroid	33	33½
PriceCostco	12½	12½
Procter & Gmbl	62½	62½
Providian	31½	31½
Pub Serv E & G	26½	26½
Quaker Oats	30½	30½
Ralston Purina	44½	44½
Raychem Corp	35½	36
Raytheon	63½	63½
Reebok Intl	39½	39½
Reynolds Metals	48½	48½
Roadway Srvcs	*55½*	*55½*
Rockwell Intl	35½	35½
Rohm & Haas	56½	57½
Royal Dutch	108½	108½
Rubbermaid	28	28½
Safeco Corp	52½	51½
St Paul's Cos	44½	44½
Salomon Inc	37½	37½
Santa Fe Pac	17½	17½
Sara Lee Corp	25½	25½
Scecorp	14½	15½
Schering Plough	74½	74½
Schlumberger	50½	50½
Scott Paper	68½	69
Seagram	29½	29½
Sears Roebuck	44½	45½
Shell Trans	65½	65½
Sherwin Wllms	32½	32½
Skyline Corp	17½	17½
Snap-On-Tools	33½	33½
Southern Co	20½	20
Sthwestern Bell	41	41½
Sprint Corp	27½	27½
Stanley Works	36½	37
Sun Company	28½	28½
Sun Microsys	36½	35½
Suntrust	48½	48½
Supervalu	24½	25
Sysco Corp	26	25½
TRW Inc	65½	65½
TCC Inds	2½	2½
Tandem Comp	17½	17½
Tandy Corp	50½	50½
Teledyne	20	20½
Temple Inland	45½	46
Tenneco	42½	42½
Texaco	60½	60½
Texas Inst	75½	75½
Texas Utilities	31½	31½
Textron	50½	50½
Time Warner	34½	34½
Times-Mirror	30½	30½
Timken	35½	35½
Torchmark	34½	35
Toys R Us	30½	30½
Transamerica	*49½*	*50½*
Travelers	32½	33½
Tribune	55½	54½
Tyco Labs	46½	47½
UST Inc	27½	27½
UAL	88½	88½
USX Marathon	16½	16½
Unicom	23½	24
Unilever NV	116½	117½
Union Camp	48	48½
Union Carbide	30½	29½
Union Pacific	46½	46½
Unisys Corp	8½	8½
USAir Group	4½	4
USF&G Corp	13½	13½
US Life	34½	35
US West	35½	35½
United Tech	62½	62½
Unocal Corp	26½	26½
Upjohn	31½	30½
VF Corp	48	47½
WMX Tech	26½	26½
Wal-Mart Stores	21½	21½
Warner-Lambert	77½	77½
Wells Fargo	145½	144½
Westinghouse El	12½	12½
Weyerhaeuser	37½	38
Whirlpool	50½	51½
Whitman	16½	16½
Winn Dixie	52½	52½
Woolworth	14½	14½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	49½	48½
Xerox	99½	98½
Yellow Corp	23½	23½

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Lloyd's is listing on its legal voyage towards calmer waters

Sarah Bagnall charts the troubled course of the insurance market



Peter Middleton, the chief executive, says that 1995 will show Lloyd's to have turned the corner on its loss-making years

Lloyd's of London, having narrowly survived one problem-riddled year, is set to stumble into — and hopefully through — another. As fast as hurdles are cleared, new ones spring up. But David Rowland, chairman, and Peter Middleton, chief executive, argue that the biggest obstacles have been overcome and the worst is now behind them.

The optimists paint a brighter picture of the future than they have for many years. Losses have passed their zenith, new capital is knocking on the door, rates are still improving for many classes of business, and a sharper, squeaky clean insurance market is beginning to emerge from the mire.

Mr Middleton said: "I think that during 1995 it will become manifestly clear that we have turned the corner on the loss-making years and are now recovering."

"Rubbish", shout thousands of names. Losses have topped £7 billion in the past four years and more are expected to follow. The losses may be less than in previous years, but they are still vast and crippling.

A recent and gloomy prediction from Chatset, the independent Lloyd's analyst, does little to revive spirits. Chatset has calculated that names may face bills for £10 billion over the next 20 years because their syndicates have under-reserved for future claims, especially for asbestosis and pollution. Chatset believes that £8.6 billion has already been set aside, £10 billion short of what is needed.

Lloyd's has several crucial hurdles to leap in the coming year. It needs funds — and fast. The market's solvency is under pressure and, as more and more names refuse to pay their losses, the need for a solution intensifies. The non-payers problem has raised questions about the future of Lloyd's.

There is also a vital need to end the mass of legal actions that are swamping the market, ruining its reputation and casting doubt on the survival of many Lloyd's agencies. Lastly, Equitas, the new limited liability company being set up to reinsure names' old-year liabilities, must move from the drawing board to reality. These hurdles are all inter-related and known about, but fresh problems will doubtless emerge during the course of the year.

The need to bring funds into the system prompted Lloyd's to appoint Dibb Lupton Broomhead, a law firm specialising in debt collection. The firm, which was swiftly dubbed "rottweilers", is due to start individual negotiations with more than 1,200 names in the new year. To aid this, Lloyd's took another tack. It proposed changing names' premiums trust deeds (PTDs) so that Lloyd's would be able to capture any court awards directly rather than having to rely on names to pay over any money owed.

In normal circumstances, any litigation proceeds go to the plaintiffs, but Lloyd's said it was concerned that some names would run to the south of France without first discharging their debts to the market. The advantage to Lloyd's of collecing the money directly would be immense. It would remove the risk that names would pay off their other creditors before Lloyd's. The proposed changes have been put on hold because Lloyd's decided to make a renewed attempt to settle the mass of legal actions out of court. But if the initiative fails, Mr Rowland has said that the ruling Council of Lloyd's would not hesitate to seek approval from Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, to change the PTDs. The proposed changes are deeply unpopular with many names; the action groups banded together and threatened court action. This warning was on the back of legal advice that the proposed amendment was outside Lloyd's powers.

In response, Lloyd's has said that it will take the issue to court to check the validity of the change if the settlement initiative fails. Settling the outstanding legal actions is no easy task. But it is a necessary one — for Lloyd's and many names. As Mr Middleton said: "It is crucial we get a settlement." Legal actions could drag on for years, further tarnishing Lloyd's already tattered reputation and leaving dozens of Lloyd's agencies operating under the threat of insolvency. Policyholders already troubled by events would take flight as agencies collapse one after the other under the strain of any court awards made to names. This is Lloyd's second attempt to resolve the litigation. The last offer of £900 million was overwhelmingly rejected last February.

The first legal action, brought by the Gooda Walker Action Group, concluded in the autumn and names are estimating damages of £500 million. The Feltrim Names Association is in court and more are queuing up with court dates that stretch late into the decade.

The last settlement failed for several reasons, one of which was that the offer was too general to please the many divergent interests of all the names.

One idea under consideration is that the settlement offer may not be a global one, but several separate offers tailor-made for each action group. Mr Middleton said: "It is just possible that we end up with a series of packages that meet the needs of the individual action groups."

One of the main reasons the first offer foundered was that it failed to offer names any finality. They were being asked to hand over their rights to litigate in return for a sum of money without any idea of what lay ahead. For thousands of names on long-tail syndicates, with exposure to asbestosis and pollution, this was unacceptable.

Mr Middleton said: "It is important that we make sure that we remember the lessons from the last attempt. We are taking a step by step approach this time and involving all the action groups. With hindsight we did not involve them sufficiently in the process last time." And of the cap, Mr Middleton said: "We are asking the action groups for ideas on the structure and content of the new settlement. For example, how would they bring about finality for names?"

One way that this could be achieved is through Equitas. A working party has spent months collecting and analysing data to try to calculate the future liabilities of each individual name on each syndicate. The syndicates' liabilities will then be compared with their reserves to see if enough has been set aside to meet future claims or whether more is needed. The plan is that liabilities relating to policies written in 1985 and earlier years will be reinsured into Equitas, with under-reserved syndicates paying a premium to off-load their liabilities.

The laborious task is already behind schedule, but Mr Middleton said first indications on any premiums required by names will emerge in the middle of next year. He does not deny that there are difficulties in structuring a deal that offers finality and that achieving a settlement is a tricky task, but he is adamant that the offer is "the best thing that can be done for Lloyd's and for names".

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Great George superhighway

TREASURY officials are chuffed about the department's first step on the information superhighway by putting official Great George Street pronouncements on to the Internet. Keen demand is reported for the Chancellor's Budget(s), and there has also been interest in the minutes of the Chancellor's monthly meetings with Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England. Other snippets of vital bedtime reading are planned. HM Treasury is particularly pleased that its service seems to be more up-to-date than that run by its American counterpart from Washington. They were still citing Lloyd Bentsen as US Treasury Secretary more than a week after he quit.

Eagles daren't

BARCLAYS Bank had some hairy moments ahead of the recent opening of its new business centre in Manchester by the City's Lady Mayoress. The boards around the construction site were suitably covered with the Barclays eagle symbol — and, far less suitably, with the wording "Erection Consultants". Happily, Barclays managed to tear down the signs in time.



"Must send them a card"

Unholy alliance

PERHAPS God put it there as a test of the faithful: a fake press statement, in the name of Microsoft, the software giant, which spread across the Internet like wildfire. It asserted that Microsoft had bought the Roman Catholic church in a multi-billion-dollar share exchange. The Pope was to be head of religious software. The company was bombarded by hundreds of angry American Catholics. Eventually, Microsoft was forced to issue a statement disclaiming the news release and insisting that it did not see the Roman Church as a strategic asset. The Vatican's response is not known.

Eh, Cratchit?

ROYAL Insurance celebrates its 150th anniversary next year, and as part of its celebrations invited a party of corporate friends to the Barbican for a performance of *A Christmas Carol*, which Charles Dickens wrote in 1843. During the interval, a lively Royal Insurance soul joined a gathering of company troops and in jovial voice asked: "Well chaps, who at our organisation is most like Mr Scrooge?" And the answer was ...

Bonny bank

THE Bank of Scotland, 300 years old next year, is to join the no smoking lobby. The bank is sending all customers — along with the debits, credits and we respectfully draw to your attentions — a fancy leaflet regarding its no smoking policy. The smoke-free zone comes into force on January 1. So, in future, there will be huddles of tellers outside branches all over the Highlands having a quick puff as the queue inside grows ever longer.

COLIN CAMPBELL

Fraudsters and thieves cost mobile phone firms millions

Somewhere out there, a mobile phone "sub-dealer" is combing the death notices for names. The recently deceased are ideal because they have the institutional appearance of being alive. Their names and phone numbers are in the phone directory and it will be months before they are deleted from voters' lists.

The sub-dealer, an independent agent who works on commission to sign up new mobile phone users, fills in the dead customer's name and references, perhaps accompanied by a fake electricity bill that he printed himself, and sends the package off to the dealer. A new "live" customer has been created with little effort and the sub-dealer collects his £100 bonus. A month may pass before anyone realises that the customer is fictional. Unpaid monthly invoices are the first clue. By then, the sub-dealer has vanished.

The deceased-customer ploy is one of many creative scams sending shock waves through the mobile-phone industry, which has been far more concerned with rapid growth than security. There are now more than 3.2 million mobile phones in Britain, up from 1.9 million a year ago.

The Federation of Communications Services (FCS), the industry lobby group, estimates that mobile-phone fraud of all types, including theft of handsets, is running as high as £100 million a year. Experts say that it is growing, as it has in the US. There, fraud is thought to cost the industry $5 billion a year.

Vodafone, operator of Britain's biggest mobile network, admitted in November that it was the victim of what Mike Caldwell, a spokesman, calls "systematically organised commercial fraud", notably fictional customers. Fraud and other "bad debt" will cost Vodafone £25 million this financial year, equivalent to 3 per cent of last year's turnover of £850.5 million.

Fictional customers generated by sleazy sub-dealers are such a problem that some of the UK's 38 service providers refuse to use the dalers. They are going through the expense of training their own sales forces. "Many sub-dealers are completely out of control," said David Savage, chief executive of Astec Communications, a service provider developing its own sales force.



Phone thefts prompt 60 per cent of west London car break-ins

However, sub-dealers will never be eliminated because most are honest and they are much cheaper than creating an in-house sales force.

Mobile-phone fraud typically begins with theft. The FCS estimates that 15,000 mobile phones are stolen each month, a 50 per cent rise on last year. In west London, about 60 per cent of car break-ins are to steal phones. Airport car parks have become popular thieving grounds. Muggings, lorry hijackings and purse snatching also produce a rich bounty of phones. Several victims are known to have died.

Many of the phones are exchanged for drugs or simply taken into pubs and passed around, at "five minutes for a fiver", to call anywhere in the world. Hundreds of pounds can be rung up before the service provider can delete the stolen phone from the network.

Most stolen phones are "rechipped" to disguise their identity, the industry's equivalent of money laundering. Rechipping, common since the late Eighties, is not illegal unless done with intent to defraud the network. Rechipping is not for everyday thieves. It requires some computer knowledge because the handset's electronic serial number must be changed. To do so, the stolen handset is plugged into a PC through an external port. Rechipping software, probably from the US, assigns it a new number. The trick is to find a number that has been approved for the network but is not yet in use.

Once the handset has been rechipped, there are several options. Many are sold on the second-hand market. As long as the serial number and the customer's credit history check out, the service operator is obliged to connect the handset to the network. Jacqui Brookes, the FCS's fraud expert, says that about two-thirds of stolen phones are reconnected.

Reconnection, however, does not give the user free phone calls. "Cloning", the most sophisticated form of fraud, does. Cloning assigns another user's number to the rechipped handset, and calls are billed to the phone number's legitimate owner.

How are phone numbers obtained? The industry suspects that there are unscrupulous dealers who sell subscribers' numbers to cloners. Another way is to buy an electronic scanner, which plucks numbers from the airwaves. Scanning is legal.

An east London company called JMA Systems sells a range of scanning programs called "Celltracker". Prices start at £125. The program, loaded into a PC, which is connected to a Motorola phone, enables the user to monitor conversations and record the user's mobile number. "It's ideal if you're trying to track down a stolen phone," a JMA employee said.

At present, only analogue phones can be scanned. The more advanced digital ones, such as Orange and Mercury's One-2-One, cannot. However, the vast majority of phones issued by the two biggest operators, Vodafone and Cellnet, are analogue.

Cloning digital phones is the next frontier. No one is aware of it happening in Britain, but Gary Bernstein, Cellnet's security chief, says: "No doubt they will crack it one day."

The industry is fighting an uphill battle against fraud. The FCS's immediate goal is to get an anti-chipping law passed. This aim has some support, but Ian Taylor, the Under Secretary for Trade and Technology, has said that the Government "would only want to add to the burden of legislation" if convinced that a law would significantly reduce phone thefts.

In the absence of legislation, the industry will have to spend a lot on eliminating weak spots. Vodafone, plagued by fictional customers, will no longer pay bonuses to dealers until the customer proves his identity by paying his first bill.

The industry itself has to bear some blame for fraud; its race for market share has flooded the country with mobile phones. Virtually anyone can get them and they were popular Christmas presents. Credit checks are probably too lax, and users who cannot pay their bills may be tempted to have their phones rechipped for second-hand sale. "If you look at the astronomic growth," says Vodafone's Mike Caldwell, "you get problems."

ERIC REGULY

BUSINESS LETTER

Three answers to the problem of executive pay rises

From Adrion Wesley

Sir, Might I suggest the following answer to the problem of executive pay awards.

1) Completely remove the upper limit on Class 2 Employee National Insurance Contributions.

2) Introduce new contribution rates for Employers' Contributions on higher earnings bands as follows:

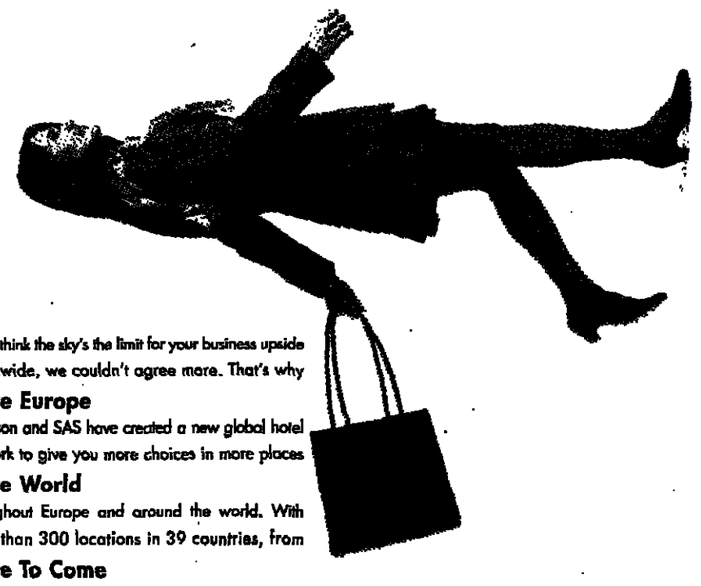
£30,000-£74,999: 15%
£75,000-£99,999: 20%
£100,000-£199,999: 25%
£200,000-£249,999: 33%
£250,000-£399,999: 40%
£400,000-£474,998: 45%
£474,999 upwards: 55%

3) When share options are awarded the difference between option price and the market value on the day they are taken up should be counted as pay for NI and tax purposes.

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Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
0895 258 783				
Grofund Amer	155.90	165.00†	-0.90	0.22
Grofund Equity	228.60	243.20	-1.10	1.24
Grofund Euro	194.40	205.70	-1.40	0.42
Grofund Expl Bal	109.60	113.60		2.58
Grofund Gilt	72.49	74.73	-0.01	5.18
Grofund Japan	176.90	187.20†	+1.70	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
0203 553 231				
General Acc	518.80	552.00	-0.50	2.80
General Inc	457.50	486.80	-0.50	2.80
UK Growth Acc	349.90	371.70	-0.40	2.88
UK Growth Inc	239.30	254.50	-0.28	2.88
Higher Inc Acc	657.40	699.40	-0.50	4.03
Higher Inc Inc	380.00	404.30	-0.30	4.03
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	181.80	191.70	-0.80	6.04
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	88.27	93.24	-0.24	6.04
Nth America	252.70	268.90	+3.10	
Far East	352.90	375.50		0.05
Europe	259.10	275.70	-1.20	0.94
Brit Excell	69.10	73.51†	-0.06	3.10
Brit Fndmtls Acc	99.07	105.40		4.85
Brit Fndmtls Inc	72.68	77.32		4.85
Global Opps	81.85	86.87†	+0.17	0.37
Balanced Acc	52.86	56.24	-0.04	3.02
Balanced Inc	51.83	55.14	-0.05	3.02
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	126.40	134.30†		7.65
High Inc Equity	156.70	167.60	-0.40	4.70
Worldwide Bond	258.10	273.80†	-0.40	5.84
Capital Growth				
American Growth	271.40	290.00	-2.40	.73
Asian Pacific	317.30	337.60	-2.30	...
Assets & Earnings	251.10	267.10†	-0.30	2.94
Comdty & Energy	111.30	118.40	+0.70	
Euro Capital Inc	127.10	135.90	-1.20	.71
(Accum Units)	135.70	145.10	-1.30	.71
General	218.00	231.90	-0.40	2.35
Japan	130.00	138.30	+1.10	...
Mastertrust	137.50	147.10	-0.20	1.62
UK Growth Dist	114.70	122.70	+0.50	2.65
US Emerging Cos	129.60	138.60	+0.70	
Income & Growth	369.70	393.30†	-0.60	3.16
Ethical	85.78	89.96	+0.12	3.04
International	113.60	121.10	-0.60	.96
Dividend & Growth	59.01	62.78	-0.15	4.48
Global Grth & Sec	66.24	70.65	+0.08	2.60
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£16.19	£16.85	+7.00	
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	42.35	43.86	-0.50	0.71
Cash	50.15	50.15†		4.49
European	106.60	111.50		
Exempt	939.90	£10.10	-0.90	1.83
Extra Income #	47.52	49.98†	-0.02	6.03
Far East Emg Eon	111.70	118.70	-0.90	0.53
Fixed Interest #	22.17	23.27†	+0.01	8.88
Fund Inv Tst	170.00	178.90	-0.20	0.94
Japan	185.80	194.60	+0.20	
Latin American	58.44	61.35	-0.44	0.79
Pacific	71.75	75.51	-0.47	0.38
Property Share	62.10	65.19	-0.15	2.10
UK Emerging Cos	61.27	64.32	+0.08	1.93
UK Growth	42.68	45.42	-0.26	2.58
Amer World Port #	70.41	71.72†	-0.46	2.28
Ethical	59.38	62.34†	-0.30	2.82
Aberdeen Grt Inc #	48.77	48.77†	-0.03	7.69
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
031 549 3232				
British Growth	67.20	71.49†		2.72
British Income	77.61	82.57†		3.44
Select Portfolio	82.21	87.46†		
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
0452 305 958				
Amity Income	72.97	77.42	-0.10	2.62
Income Builder Inc	65.83	70.03†	-0.34	3.03
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC				
IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	219.00	234.10	-1.90	3.33
Capital	347.10	413.80	-2.70	2.00
Balanced	648.00	692.70†	-4.90	2.87
Accumulator	£11.93	£12.75	-11.00	3.18
Income Trusts				
American Income	45.38	48.51	-0.42	3.67
High Income	372.40	398.00	-3.60	3.88
Equity Income	210.00	224.40†	-5.80	3.71
High Yield	228.10	243.80	-2.10	3.56
Govt Securities	32.30	34.09†	-0.44	6.22
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	133.90	143.10	-1.90	0.49
European Growth	32.97	35.17	-0.17	0.01
International	156.70	167.50	-0.80	0.20
Japan	213.50	227.60†	-0.10	0.01
Pacific	396.00	423.30†	-2.90	0.01
Secs of America	397.90	423.40†	-4.90	0.55
Worldw Asset Val	46.52	49.72	-0.34	0.24
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	495.20	529.30†	-1.50	2.41
Conv & Gilt	41.85	44.73	-0.12	5.19
Smaller Cos	160.10	171.10	-0.20	1.30
2nd Smaller Cos	152.00	162.40	-0.30	1.50
Recovery	128.30	137.10	-0.50	1.91
Met Min & Cdty	147.50	157.60	-0.80	0.76
Oseas Earnings	329.00	351.80†	-2.70	1.92
Technology	159.30	170.20	-1.50	0.01
UK Special Sits	423.60	452.70	-2.00	1.51
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0293 526 911				
Crusdr Gd Pens	93.06	96.68		1.45
Crusdr Persl Pens	59.53	61.84		4.60
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 600 0033				
Capital	68.27	72.62	-0.95	1.93
International	62.68	66.68		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
031 222 4242				
American	267.70	289.70	-2.32	
Bond	110.90	116.70	-0.20	7.13
Brit Smlr Cos	95.13	101.20		1.50
Emg & Gen #	62.94	63.02†	-0.24	5.51
Energy				
Europe	211.70	225.60†	-1.20	0.51
Euro Smlr Cos	96.61	103.00†	-0.10	0.62
Income Gwth	330.50	352.50†	-1.90	4.51
Japan	329.00	349.40	-1.90	
Pacific	161.10	167.50	-1.19	0.74
UK Smlr Cos	50.40	53.62	-0.19	1.29
Japan Fd	729.70	761.60	-0.33	
Ship Fd	167.60	177.70	-1.90	2.05
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MNGRS LTD				
071 489 8673				
Brit & Overs	272.80	287.20		1.29
Capital Gwth	105.10	110.62		2.43
Wwde Opps	177.00	186.32		0.44
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Brit Inv Fd Inc	323.40	343.20	-2.50	3.08
European Bd Inc	88.52	91.63	-0.06	7.71
Exempt	70.38	75.07	-0.49	4.40
Financial	69.43	74.25†	-0.50	3.09
500	424.70	454.30	-0.30	2.57
General	261.50	279.70	-2.0	2.79
Property	246.70	262.90†		6.39
Trustee	170.90	182.80†	-1.40	2.51
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.00	100.00†		4.94
Extra Income	111.50	119.20	-0.80	4.29
Gilt & Fxd Int	56.06	57.94†	-0.04	8.30
Income	503.00	538.00	-3.50	4.21
Income Builder	60.86	64.74	-0.37	4.95
Intl Income	59.60	62.40†	-0.19	3.70
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	112.10	119.60	-1.0	2.70
Leisure	116.90	125.00	-0.26	1.54
Recovery	395.40	422.90	-2.10	2.82
Smllr Cos Inc	41.49	44.49	-0.08	1.99
Special Sits	266.80	285.40	-1.40	1.53
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	120.10	127.40†	-1.0	0.71
Aust Acc	249.10	266.00	-1.50	2.30
Aust Inc	153.20	163.00†	-1.0	2.30
Euro Gwth Inc	144.00	152.70	-1.0	0.64
(Accum Units)	154.10	163.40	-1.10	0.64
Japan & Gen Inc	183.50	194.30	+1.20	
(Accum Units)	185.60	196.50	+1.29	
Japan Spec Sits	84.39	89.39	+0.57	
Unv Tech Inc	76.94	81.77	-0.23	0.13
Worldwide	163.70	173.80	-0.80	0.76
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
081 658 9002				
American Growth	88.77	94.31	-1.15	
Amer Smllr Cos	123.80	132.90	-1.40	
Convertibles	53.55	57.27†	-0.02	5.70
Eastern	264.20	284.90	-3.10	0.10
Equity Income	85.41	90.86	-0.33	4.90
European Growth	282.70	300.00	-1.50	1.00
Europe	207.40	221.10†		0.60
German Growth	69.51	73.66	-0.01	0.10
Global Bond	61.90	65.19		6.40
Global Growth	120.40	128.60	-1.00	
Japan Growth	204.80	218.30	+0.20	
Japan Sunrise	179.00	190.30	-0.10	
Korea Trust	79.86	89.33	-0.55	
Portfolio	125.80	134.80	-0.80	1.80
(Accum Units)	229.40	245.90	-1.50	1.80
UK Growth	80.56	85.70	-0.57	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	82.56	88.29	-0.54	1.80
Select Managers	71.36	76.44	-0.40	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
071 250 3300				
Intl Grth Port Inc	74.63	79.39		
Special Oppor Inc	53.62	57.04		
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD				
071 236 6441				
Special Sits	164.00	175.40	-1.40	1.60
Dividend	82.38	88.11	-0.29	3.91
Intl Gth & Inc	206.80	221.00	-1.10	3.49
UK & Gen	43.06	46.06	-0.12	1.91
Fund of Funds	61.83	66.13	+0.13	
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
041 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	101.91	107.85	+0.80	1.78
(Accum Units)	114.56	121.23	+0.90	1.78
Smaller Cos	99.70	105.50†	+3.39	1.33
Higher Yield #	42.89	45.39	-0.26	4.93
American Gth Inc	69.33	73.36	-0.77	
European Growth	129.65	137.20	-1.09	0.05
(Accum Units)	132.21	139.90	-1.11	0.05
Global Bond Inc #	25.07	27.53†		6.99
Mngd Ptflio Inc	40.68	43.03	-0.14	1.63
(Accum Units)	41.26	43.64	-0.14	1.63
Intl Spec Opps	111.28	117.75	-0.73	0.44
Pacific Grth	126.51	133.87	-0.24	
Formerly LAS				
UK General #	72.06	76.26†	-0.73	3.54
(Accum Units) #	73.83	78.13	-0.75	3.54
Japan	65.74	69.57	+0.26	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	93.46	95.39†	-0.02	7.31
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
071 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	64.61	65.45	+0.02	6.29
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
061 837 5060				
Environ	145.90	155.30†	-0.40	1.76
UK Growth	159.00	169.20	-1.30	2.39
UK Income	126.90	135.10	-0.70	4.47
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	180.10	190.90	-1.40	2.07
-do- Income Dist	104.40	110.70	-0.50	4.52
(Accum Units)	315.10	334.00	-1.50	4.52
Gilt & Fxd Int	39.37	41.73	-0.20	6.52
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	142.70	151.90	-0.30	
European Inc	74.21	78.63	-0.19	0.42
Smaller Cos (4-1)	76.12	80.98	+0.15	1.89
Growth	401.50	427.20	+1.20	2.36
Income & Growth	386.10	410.80	-5.60	4.04
(Accum Units)	542.40	577.10	-8.00	4.04
Japan & Gen	75.45	80.08	+0.76	
Master Portfolio	£99.58	£103.63†	-25.00	1.97
(Accum Units)	£118.39	£123.20	-30.00	1.97
Special Sits	91.72	97.58	-0.42	3.33
High Yield	£12.42	£12.81†	-9.00	4.55
For Capital House see Newton				
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	80.40	85.78	-0.26	2.31
American Portfolio	85.56	91.17†	-0.50	1.27

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Portfolio	90.64	96.47	-0.16	0.82
Japanese Portfolio	67.12	71.26	+0.06	
Pacific Portfolio	137.44	147.79†	-1.66	0.86
UK Inc & Growth	73.00	78.49	-0.22	3.38
Utility & Bond	54.79	58.39	+0.06	6.91
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
071 588 1815				
Inv Fund	644.05	651.35		4.74
Fxd Int Sec	148.35	148.40		9.77
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
071 392 5000				
UK General Tst	62.57	66.67	-0.45	3.00
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD				
071 588 1815				
Inc	636.66	643.24	...	4.74
Accum	£26.89	£27.10		
Inc	120.70	120.95	...	9.59
(Accum Units)	165.70	166.17		
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	118.46	125.31†		
UK Income	104.35	113.97†	...	5.273
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	74.27	78.70		1.54
Beck Bio-Tech	22.83	25.35†	-0.22	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	148.07	153.76†		1.05
City Fin Accels	66.19	70.41		1.27
City Fin America	81.17	85.44		
City Fin Intl	75.45	79.42	...	0.93
City Fin Japan	170.33	179.29†		
Friars Hse Cap	262.77	283.60	...	1.94
Friars Hse Inc	189.40	201.49†		4.10
Buckley Wrld Grth	126.61	134.69	...	0.09
Falmouth Cap Gth	132.88	141.36†	+0.23	...
Fairmount Intl	146.88	154.61†	+0.37	
City Fin Ptflo Inc	51.39	54.67†	-0.13	4.39
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
071 711 0771 Admin: 0277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	55.07	58.43	+0.23	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0800 373 393				
American Grth	53.34	57.05	-0.44	...
Atlas Mngd Grth	34.97	37.40	-0.16	0.37
Dragon Growth	66.97	71.63	-0.71	0.40
Equity High Inc	78.36	83.54†	-0.69	4.17
(Accum Units)	108.71	112.33	-0.92	4.11
European Grth	48.28	51.38	-0.25	0.84
Evergreen	27.55	29.47	-0.09	
General Equity	79.66	84.52	-0.65	2.66
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.16	25.42	-0.07	8.43
Japan Growth	53.95	57.08	+0.32	
Pedigree Grth	47.98	51.04	-0.33	2.75
Pnl Sml Cos Inc	29.14	31.00	+0.03	1.22
(Accum Units)	30.28	32.21	+0.03	1.22
Retirement Inc #	25.01	26.47	-0.19	6.02
Special Sits	36.44	38.56	-0.11	2.05
UK & Overseas	46.18	49.13	-0.20	1.28
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
0634 898 000				
Capital	63.67	68.09	-0.61	2.34
Income	57.62	61.62	-0.40	4.28
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	150.12	159.70	-1.14	5.62
Fixed & Convertible	38.51	40.97†	-0.23	7.58
Monthly Inc Plus	47.27	50.29	-0.34	8.91
Preference Share	45.62	48.53†	-0.61	7.56
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	118.46	126.02†	-0.76	7.40
Managed Fund	65.07	69.22	-0.48	3.05
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	37.25	39.63	+0.02	1.71
(Accum Units)	42.61	45.33	+0.02	1.71
UK & General	74.73	79.50	-0.18	2.79
(Accum Units)	93.53	99.50	-0.22	2.79
UK Growth	133.37	141.88	-1.28	2.40
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	181.58	193.17	+0.06	0.26
Far Eastern Grth	130.81	138.95	+0.92	
Global Bond	75.40	80.12	-0.14	6.32
Japan Growth	126.82	134.70	+1.23	
North Amer Grth	156.22	166.19	-0.12	
Oriental Growth	75.30	80.11	+0.26	
Worldwide Growth	62.98	67.00	+0.01	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.39	92.39	+0.01	5.38
Homemakers Fund	74.11	78.84	-0.52	1.92
Quilter Fund	123.02	130.87	+0.19	2.99
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	55.79	59.35	...	3.10
(Accum Units)	59.68	63.46		3.10
High Income	32.25	34.30		4.70
Japan	36.69	39.03		
Smaller Cos Inc	29.01	30.86†		2.60
Smaller Cos	30.72	32.68		2.60
North American	31.17	33.15		0.50
European	35.40	37.65		0.50
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	29.84	31.99		1.38
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	134.40	143.00		2.18
Income	68.33	72.70	-0.58	5.08
European	58.27	61.99†	-0.52	1.13
Recovery	145.80	155.20	-0.40	2.32
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	756.60	769.69†		3.60
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	68.30	72.66	-0.04	1.35
Income #	225.40	239.70	-1.10	4.90
(Accum Units) #	554.90	593.20	-2.90	4.90
Smaller Cos	147.50	156.90	+0.40	0.62
(Accum Units)	180.30	191.80	-0.50	0.62
Inv Portfolio	75.22	80.02	-0.35	1.49
High Inc Port #	66.12	70.33	-0.38	5.10
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
071 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£14.81	£15.13†	+16.70	
Japan Small Cos	£12.70	£12.94†	+34.50	
UK Small Cos	£16.98	£17.72	-7.60	
US Small Cos	£15.32	£15.75†	-4.30	
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	192.70	202.90†		2.37
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
031 315 2500				
European Grth	258.50	273.30	-1.60	1.02
New Asia	207.20	220.60	-2.00	0.15
Japan Growth	123.20	131.10	-0.10	
Jap Smllr Co	503.10	534.80	+1.00	
Nth Amer	244.40	259.80	-1.30	0.92
Sktld Asia Pac Mt	114.70	121.20	-0.90	0.37
UK Inc & Grth	201.50	215.70	-1.60	3.09
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	132.80	141.30	-0.90	1.90
UK High Inc Inc	141.10	150.10	-1.00	4.80
(Accum Units)	180.70	192.20	-1.30	4.80
UK Pref & F I Inc	56.15	59.60	-0.04	5.26
Emerging Opps	79.77	84.86	-0.26	1.10
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
American	113.70	120.70	-1.40	1.45
Convertibles #	19.80	21.04†	-0.08	6.65
Equity Income #	119.20	126.70†	-1.10	4.18
EuroFund	43.06	45.75	-0.29	0.44
Financial	42.54	45.20	-0.18	1.66
Growth & Inc #	221.00	234.80	-2.50	3.38
High Dist #	144.70	153.70†	-1.80	4.88
International	374.00	397.40	-2.00	0.13
Im Cap Inc	90.27	96.36	-0.61	2.85
Latin American	34.91	37.09	-1.09	...
Pacific	81.17	86.24	-0.51	
Preference Share	21.94	23.31	-0.07	7.08
Tokyo	235.10	249.80	+1.10	
UK Smaller Cos	213.70	227.10		1.21
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
071 242 0242				
Ebon Trust	200.72	214.48	-2.03	0.93
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	194.40	206.80	+0.70	0.93
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0296 431 480				
European	75.66	79.87	-0.25	1.66
Ethical Tst	43.34	45.62	-0.16	1.25
Far Eastern	293.44	308.86	-2.63	1.89
High Income	123.80	130.32	-1.14	4.98
Intl Growth	116.14	122.25	-0.78	1.40
North American	104.03	109.51	-0.62	1.33
Pelican	111.07	116.92	-0.96	3.25
Smaller Cos	66.11	69.59†		2.50
Special Sits	83.76	88.17	-0.13	2.68
Tst of Inv Tsts	178.19	187.57	-0.25	1.55
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	196.22	204.40	+1.07	1.43
Smaller Cos Acc	343.36	357.67	+1.89	1.43
Recovery	50.12	52.21†	+0.08	1.36
Recovery Acc	50.66	52.77†	+0.08	1.36
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0392 412 144				
Balanced	106.79	113.61†	-0.03	6.72
Capital Growth	77.68	83.30	-0.24	
Fd of Inv Tsts	43.49	48.39	+0.44	0.62
High Income #	42.86	45.95	+0.04	10.01
Warrant	53.73	58.40	+0.02	
Zero Preference	36.08	38.26†	+0.11	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	73.15	77.81	-0.26	2.38
Family Income Tst	46.12	46.12	-0.05	6.02
Family Trust	79.89	84.98	-0.56	1.18
United Charities	251.40	267.40	-0.40	3.19
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Funds				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.20
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.55	26.65†	+0.06	7.88
Intl Bond	27.20	28.23	+0.04	5.52
Income Funds				
High Income	24.49	25.77	+0.02	5.18
Income Plus	105.80	112.50†	-0.30	4.95
Amer Eq Inc	44.41	47.05	-0.39	1.45
European Income	40.16	42.71	+0.03	1.95
Far East Inc	61.58	65.54†	-0.08	2.14
Global Convertible	22.01	23.48†	-0.05	3.82
UK Div Grth	23.22	24.69	-0.11	1.90
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	61.47	65.57	-0.34	
American	227.40	241.20	-1.90	
Amer Spec Sits	109.00	115.90	-0.70	
Japan Smaller Cos	40.77	43.40	+0.05	
European	160.60	170.80	-0.10	
European Opps	60.31	64.13	-0.11	
Global Env	23.43	24.91	-0.09	1.20
UK Growth	85.15	90.54	-0.10	
Growth & Inc	134.60	143.20	-0.70	2.52
Intl PEP	35.26	37.50	-0.18	
Japan Spec Sits	94.27	100.40	-0.10	...
Japan	200.30	213.60	+0.70	
Managed Intl	264.10	281.40	-1.00	
MoneyBuilder	50.73	53.94	-0.07	
Recovery	45.54	48.43	-0.03	
South E Asia	140.10	149.50	-1.30	...
Special Sits	484.70	515.40	+0.40	
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	107.61	107.61	+0.01	5.20
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
071 814 2700				
Balanced #	133.00	136.20		1.56
Inc Ptflo #	82.43	84.06†	-0.32	3.94
Cap Ptflo	136.80	139.60†	-0.60	0.74
General Opps	117.60	119.80		3.50
Growth Inc	29.22	29.86†	-0.22	1.78
Private Portfolio	385.50	394.10		1.50
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	107.90	114.00	-0.30	0.54
Emrg Asian	161.70	172.90	-1.40	
High Income	20.93	22.23†	-0.13	10.12
Oseas Income	90.03	96.19†	-0.31	2.97

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth	103.00	110.40	-0.70	1.69
UK Income	99.84	106.30	-0.90	4.33
US Smaller Cos	285.40	305.20	-0.80	...
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
071 407 5966				
High Inc Edy	46.28	48.86†	-0.29	3.34
-do- Inv Tst Inc	72.26	76.0	-0.03	4.34
Intl Growth	68.21	71.72†		1.28
Investment Trust	86.48	90.94	-0.01	
UK Smaller Cos	77.16	81.14	+0.09	1.36
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
071 374 4100				
American Growth	52.59	56.02	-0.39	
(Accum Units)	52.59	56.02	-0.39	
Amer Smllr Cos	436.80	467.10	-2.40	
(Accum Units)	446.30	477.20	-2.40	
Capital Tst	298.50	317.50	+0.40	1.61
(Accum Units)	428.30	453.40	+0.50	1.61
Conti Smllr Cos	55.43	59.71	-0.04	0.69
(Accum Units)	58.51	62.84	-0.04	0.69
Convertible	122.20	130.00†	-0.30	5.87
(Accum Units)	247.40	263.10†	-0.50	5.87
Emerging Markets	72.45	77.41†	+0.32	...
(Accum Units)	72.53	77.48†	+0.33	...
Europe	111.80	118.70	-0.50	0.15
(Accum Units)	117.30	124.40	-0.50	0.15
Extra Income	315.80	335.80	-1.20	4.94
(Accum Units)	467.40	497.10	-1.80	4.94
Financial	113.80	122.70	-0.80	0.30
(Accum Units)	119.80	129.20	-0.70	0.30
Gilt Trust	60.83	62.73	-0.36	6.37
(Accum Units)	84.55	87.81	-0.50	6.37
Health Fund Inc	121.30	129.50†	-0.80	...
(Accum Units)	121.30	129.50†	-0.80	...
Income & Growth	180.80	192.10†	-1.30	3.32
(Accum Units)	272.76	290.15†	-1.95	3.32
Intl Growth	347.10	370.90†	-0.60	
(Accum Units)	385.40	411.90†	-0.60	...
Japan & Gen	182.20	195.70	+0.30	...
(Accum Units)	184.00	197.00	+0.30	...
Managed Port Inc	99.94	105.20	-0.30	6.37
(Accum Units)	106.00	111.60	-0.30	6.37
Monthly Income	156.70	166.60†	-0.20	4.02
Quarterly Income	50.51	53.72†	-0.20	4.77
(Accum Units)	53.72	57.14†	-0.21	4.77
Recovery	324.60	347.10	-1.60	0.13
(Accum Units)	382.10	408.50	-2.00	0.13
UK Growth	50.94	54.43	-0.41	2.79
(Accum Units)	52.69	58.31	-0.42	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing: 0705 881330 Enqs: 0705 881340				
FP Equity Dist	362.00	385.10†	-3.40	2.69
-do- Accum	764.60	813.40†	-7.20	2.69
FP Euro Gth Dist	135.40	144.60	-0.90	0.28
-do- Accum	141.10	150.10	-1.00	0.28
FP Fixed Int Dist	128.40	135.60†		6.98
-do- Accum	235.10	248.40†	-0.20	6.98
FP Intl Gth Dist	88.91	94.58†	-0.52	0.56
-do- Accum	92.97	98.90†	-0.56	0.56
FP Nth Amer Dist	178.40	188.90	-1.30	1.19
-do- Accum	195.60	207.20	-1.50	1.19
FP Pac Basin Dist	307.30	328.80	-1.60	0.13
-do- Accum	313.50	333.50	-1.60	0.13
Stewardship Dist	314.30	334.30†	+0.50	2.07
-do- Accum	384.30	408.80†	+0.60	2.07
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	69.11	73.62†	+0.04	3.70
-do- Accum	89.13	94.81†	+0.06	3.70
N Am Stshp Dist	93.51	99.47	-0.48	0.74
-do- Accum	98.99	105.30	-0.50	0.74
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Grth Acc	105.30	112.00	+0.60	0.89
Open Cap Gth Acc	106.60	113.30	+0.10	0.0
Cap Gth Inc Inc	101.60	108.00	+0.60	1.71
Cap Gth Inc Acc	103.20	109.70	+0.60	1.71
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	103.60	110.20	+0.20	1.66
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	105.20	111.90	+0.30	1.66
NM Unit Trusts				
American	42.74	45.46†	-0.38	1.21
Australian	330.30	354.30	-0.20	0.0
Conscience	68.52	73.12	+0.04	0.82
European	192.40	204.60	-1.00	0.81
(Accum Units)	208.00	221.20	-1.20	0.81
Extra Income	68.74	73.38†	-0.35	6.05
Gilt & FI	56.87	59.09	-0.15	6.52
Gold	52.19	58.11	+1.14	0.0
Income	50.78	54.17†	-1.07	4.32
(Accum Units)	164.50	175.40	-3.40	4.32
Intl	31.44	33.55†	-0.16	0.89
(Accum Units)	45.59	48.65	-0.24	0.89
Jap Smaller Cos	372.00	396.80	-0.70	0.0
Sing & Malaysian	254.60	273.00	-1.40	0.0
Smaller Cos	28.38	30.51†	-0.61	1.15
Special Sits	34.77	37.38	-0.33	1.81
Sterling Deposit	101.00	101.00		4.80
Tokyo	90.80	96.85	+0.48	0.0
UK Equity	164.60	175.50	-1.30	2.77
(Accum Units)	315.10	336.10	-2.40	2.77
US Smaller Cos	104.30	111.50	-1.20	0.0
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	224.60	237.50†	-2.00	2.56
Cash	49.55	50.29†	+0.01	4.02
Growth Portfolio	74.61	79.09	-0.68	1.02
Income Portfolio	60.25	63.72†	-0.58	4.66
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 628 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	170.70	182.60	-0.90	
European	529.30	565.60	+8.90	0.48
Far East & Gen	263.90	282.30†	-0.60	...
Germany	112.60	119.30	-0.30	
Income Inc	143.70	153.70	-0.60	4.71
(Accum Units)	152.10	162.70	-0.60	4.71
International	314.20	336.10	-0.80	0.21
Intl Income	75.83	80.50†	-0.23	4.35
Japan & General	404.10	430.10	-0.10	
Korean Securities	67.30	71.98	-0.10	
Smllr Cos Div Inc	44.96	48.09	+0.02	4.96
UK Capital (Inc)	158.60	169.70	-0.50	1.12
UK Spec Sits	79.65	85.19	-0.03	0.72
US & General	126.50	134.70	-1.00	
Wwide Spec Sits	147.90	157.90	-0.02	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
071 782 2000 Dlgs only 0277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.74	47.85	-0.29	2.45
Cash Trust	135.85	135.85	+0.01	3.95
Practical Inv Inc #	110.48	118.16	-0.17	3.48
(Accum Units) #	251.19	268.65	-0.39	3.48
UK Index	140.70	143.01	-0.97	3.22
UK Smaller Cos	117.55	125.72	+0.10	1.14
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.10	26.84	-0.02	9.24
High Income	32.17	34.41†	-0.17	5.20
UK Equity Income	130.46	139.53	-0.76	3.53
Global Bond	27.20	28.22†	-0.09	5.32
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	50.94	54.48	-1.28	
Global Inc & Gth	128.70	136.97	-0.76	2.04
Gold & Intl Res	115.39	123.41	+0.59	
Global Utilities	127.37	136.57†	-1.01	1.23
Overseas Funds				
American	135.81	144.79	-0.91	0.99
European	94.52	100.25	-0.38	1.01
Euro Sel Opps	135.85	144.46	-0.26	
Amer Emerging	92.97	99.43†	-0.57	
Hong Kong	127.39	136.59	-1.82	1.67
Japan	253.32	268.15	+0.70	...
Pacific Growth	212.62	227.40	-0.91	1.40
Gartmore Personal Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	205.39	205.39	-0.94	2.10
Long Term Bal	223.91	223.91	-1.06	2.87
Med Term Bal	189.85	189.85	-0.83	3.41
UK Equity	229.00	229.00†	-1.57	2.85
UK Emerging Cos	135.58	135.58†	+0.24	2.39
American	219.98	219.98	-1.66	1.38
Japan	132.46	132.46	-0.24	
European	245.15	245.15	-1.15	1.06
Index Linked Gilt	164.31	164.31†	-0.10	2.98
Fixed Interest	152.79	152.79†	-0.95	6.89
Amer Emerging	242.83	242.83	-1.80	
Pacific	229.68	229.68†	-1.12	0.86
Emerging Mkts	142.70	142.70	-1.83	0.74
Index Strat Japan	156.45	156.45		0.24
-do- Pacific Rim	176.27	176.27		1.25
-do- Cont Europe	142.59	142.59		1.79
Index Strat USA	127.08	127.08		2.33
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	97.00	103.19	-0.47	
Med Term Bal	90.31	96.08	-0.42	
Long Term Bal	100.80	107.23	-0.51	
UK Equity	105.76	112.52	-0.77	
UK Emerging Cos	63.54	67.59	+0.12	
American	102.00	108.51	-0.82	
Japan	63.60	67.66	+0.12	
European	102.15	108.67	-0.50	
Fixed Interest	76.96	81.87	-0.51	
Index Linked Gilt	72.85	77.50	-0.05	...
Deposit	79.62	84.70		...
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Int Grth	115.80	123.20†	-0.10	
Berkeley Income	107.00	113.80†	+0.40	2.15
BWH Intl	134.30	141.37	-0.26	0.60
Brclif Gth Port Inc	58.79	62.05	+0.20	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	54.99	58.04†	+0.25	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	51.71	54.57	+0.20	0.50
Shaw Utilities	59.53	62.83†	+0.12	2.69
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 071 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	532.70	566.70	+7.54	2.51
(Accum Units)	584.31	621.61	+8.27	2.51
European Inc	137.51	146.29	+1.97	0.99
Amalgam Inc	141.83	150.16	+2.38	...
N America Inc	309.16	328.89	+4.35	...
Far East Inc	354.25	376.87		
(Accum Units)	366.90	390.32		
UK Dvld Inc	172.24	183.23	+0.59	1.82
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	84.87	89.48†	-0.12	4.71
UK Small Cos	45.59	48.76	+0.12	1.01
British Growth	50.38	53.23	-0.47	2.57
American Grwth	155.71	166.53	-1.83	
Japan Grth	79.12	84.62	+0.36	
Greater China	190.38	203.62	+0.42	
Pacific Strategy	164.60	176.04	-0.45	...
European Grwth	81.57	87.24	+0.08	0.29
Intl Growth	139.84	149.56†	-0.66	...
US Index (£)	12.87	13.56	-0.13	4.00
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	72.22	76.45	+0.08	2.28
Monthly Income	37.20	39.71†	+0.14	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Grd Uk Index (£)	9.91	10.44	-0.28	3.60
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
071 488 1212				
Small Cos	89.10	94.87	+0.15	1.24
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
071 538 8888				
Cash	137.40	137.40		3.48
European	456.60	488.00†	+2.40	0.11
Gilt & Fixed	124.60	132.30	-0.70	5.31
Growth Equity	314.00	335.40†	-2.30	1.96
Income Trust	123.30	131.70†	-0.80	3.00
International	175.40	187.30	-0.80	
Japan Trust	134.10	143.20	+0.50	...
Nth American	244.70	261.40	-2.70	0.17
Pacific	537.80	574.50	+4.50	...
Guardhill	465.60	497.40	-2.90	1.95
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	98.62	102.35†	+0.23	7.10
Global High Inc	98.74	102.47	+0.20	8.10
Prem Fixed Int	101.41	105.25	+0.30	8.48
Eqty & Bond Inc	99.35	105.04	+0.51	5.06
European Growth	98.34	104.56	+0.38	
Intl PEP Trust	58.22	61.90	+0.18	
High Income	117.19	124.61†	+0.75	4.17
-do- Accum	160.31	170.45	+1.03	4.17
Recovery	353.90	376.30	+1.40	1.65
(Accum Units)	406.20	432.00	+1.60	1.65
St Vinc High Inc	121.84	123.66	+3.93	7.10
Trop Bar Emer Co	237.40	252.40†	+0.70	1.48
Trop Br Sm Co In	354.20	360.40	+1.20	2.03
Glob Prv Tst	91.14	96.91	+0.05	1.50
(Accum Units)	92.00	97.82	+0.08	1.50
Inc Share Tst	88.01	93.57†	+0.13	8.01
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Ptflo	191.20	202.90	-1.70	2.80
Smaller Cos	31.54	33.55	+0.02	0.92
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	280.73	300.38	-1.58	1.58
Best of British	60.75	64.57†	-0.54	2.62
UK Smaller Cos	118.18	127.04	-0.13	1.51
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	261.80	278.80†	-2.07	3.38
(Accum Units)	703.75	749.46	-5.56	3.38
High Income #	305.44	326.51	-1.15	4.14
Extra Income #	266.23	283.12†	-1.43	5.94
Pref & Gilt	45.56	48.96	-0.06	8.95
International				
International	261.63	278.44	-1.06	0.56
Global Bond	51.14	54.40†	-0.13	6.27
Family of Funds	78.53	84.41	+0.33	0.22

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Global Tech	149.68	159.01†	-0.99	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	174.09	186.18†	-0.94	0.25
European	449.17	476.02	-1.19	0.56
European Income	77.80	82.37	-0.17	2.52
Euro Smlr Cos	143.33	153.51	+0.04	0.12
Eur Sp Sits	66.61	70.95	-0.19	0.74
(Accum Units)	71.36	75.81	-0.20	0.14
Japan Trust	228.23	242.92	-0.32	...
Japan Special Sits	256.28	271.95	+1.06	
Pacific Smlr Cos	262.19	276.79	-2.04	...
North American	224.28	238.31	-1.21	0.60
American Smaller	98.55	105.34	-0.48	...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	52.72	55.88		
Eur Sp Sits	57.57	61.02		
General Growth	41.65	44.14		
Global Tech	58.59	62.10		
Income Growth	40.63	43.06		
Japan Growth	27.97	29.64		
Smaller Cos	21.11	22.37		
Special Opps	28.10	29.78		
Wwide Sp Sits	47.86	50.73		
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
081 686 4355				
British	94.12	100.60	...	1.68
Capital	167.50	179.10	...	1.49
Dollar	329.30	352.10	...	0.11
Enterprise Gth	315.80	337.50	...	1.77
European	216.50	231.50	...	0.02
Far East	317.70	339.70†	...	0.02
Financial	777.80	831.80	...	1.38
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.99	25.99	...	7.59
High Yield	99.40	106.30†		4.12
Income & Growth	138.60	148.00	...	3.46
International	247.90	265.10	...	
Japanese General	214.90	229.80†	...	
Japan Tech	87.08	93.13		
Nat Resources	74.53	79.71		
Portfolio	69.86	74.71	...	1.42
Smaller Cos	120.10	128.40	...	1.41
Special Sits	144.20	154.20	...	1.59
UK Emerging Cos	86.99	93.03	...	0.74
US Smaller Cos	80.52	86.11	...	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisors: 0800 181 890 Inv: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	95.74	102.10†	-0.30	6.09
Capital	558.30	595.60	-2.60	2.51
Income #	536.90	573.00	-3.70	5.06
Footsie Fund	50.60	53.53†	-0.56	2.82
Tidda Index	106.20	113.30	-0.10	1.99
UK Index	133.30	142.30	-1.10	3.15
International Funds				
American Growth	468.50	500.00	-2.80	0.64
American Index	190.90	203.60	-1.50	1.27
European Growth	107.20	114.10†	-0.80	0.02
Eurotrack 100	150.00	158.60	-0.90	0.88
Global Bond	20.64	21.79		5.93
Japan Growth	292.50	311.80	-0.10	
Japan Index	83.05	88.63	+0.09	0.09
Japan Smlr Cos	36.18	38.59	-0.16	...
International High Growth Funds				
Asian	54.47	58.13†	-1.01	0.20
Hong Kong Gwth	92.29	98.50	-1.43	1.02
Spore & Mlysn Gth	74.08	79.04	-1.70	
Tiger Index	202.80	216.40	-1.80	0.21
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.58	29.66		1.10
General Funds				
Managed	68.95	71.58†	-0.36	2.44
Rupert Cltd Fnd	80.49	83.54	-0.85	2.46
UK Growth	56.38	58.52†	-0.53	2.48
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.80	50.80	...	4.32
Cashbox (Acc)	58.77	58.77	...	4.32
UK Extra Inc	83.00	86.15	-0.49	5.87
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.54	26.33†	-0.01	7.97
UK Inc & Gwth	38.32	39.77	-0.53	4.07
UK Income	319.10	331.20	-3.10	3.72
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	47.07	48.75	-0.54	0.36
Amer Smllr Cos	106.00	110.00	-0.90	
(Accum Units)	107.20	111.20	-0.90	
Europe Gth	143.80	148.90	-0.50	
(Accum Units)	148.60	153.90	-0.60	
Euro Smaller Cos	26.90	27.92	+0.02	
French Growth	72.85	75.61	-0.88	0.01
Accum Units	78.04	81.00	-0.73	0.01
H Kong & China	75.51	78.37	-0.76	1.80
Intl Growth	55.87	57.93	-0.16	0.82
(Accum Units)	58.28	58.41	-0.17	0.62
Japan Gth	35.96	37.32	+0.20	
Accum Units	35.96	37.32	+0.20	...
Japan Smaller Cos	43.37	45.01	+0.41	
Glob Emg Mkts	101.10	104.90	+0.80	
Accum Units	101.80	105.60	+0.80	
SE Asia	316.80	328.80	-2.30	0.31
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	51.54	53.10†	-0.08	6.02
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
071 581 3020				
American Cap	127.90	136.00	-3.20	
Income	143.93	153.12	-0.39	3.91
UK Growth	52.35	55.69	-0.07	0.97

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Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
International	76.72	81.60	+0.13	0.28
Ecology	76.50	81.37	-0.03	1.32
European	114.57	121.93	+0.47	
Far Eastern	307.60	327.30	-0.30	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealers: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	47.88	50.94†	+0.15	7.56
Gilt Yield	111.30	117.40†	-1.10	6.82
Global Income	208.60	221.90†	-0.80	4.10
High Yield	133.10	141.60	-1.06	6.22
(Accum Units)	398.80	424.30	-3.40	6.22
Smllr Cos Div	49.90	53.09†	+0.04	2.99
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smll Cos	83.40	88.72	-1.08	
North American	71.13	75.67†	-0.96	0.17
European Special	93.63	99.61	-0.23	0.15
European	146.10	155.40†	-1.10	0.39
(Accum Units)	191.90	204.10†	-1.40	0.39
General	262.00	278.70	-2.40	3.23
Japan	429.10	456.50	-2.50	
Japanese Special	247.60	263.40	+0.30	
Master Accum	229.40	244.00	-1.20	0.57
Pacific	335.10	356.50	-2.30	
(Accum Units)	393.00	418.10	-2.80	
Smaller Cos	105.10	111.80†		0.61
UK Equity Growth	37.58	39.98	-0.11	1.69
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS				
071 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	60.10	63.93	-0.30	
Inv Trust	65.36	69.53	-0.02	
Cautious Inc/Gth	56.19	59.77	-0.31	1.00
High Inc Acc	53.94	57.38	-0.25	3.90
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
071 588 2800				
Income	564.90	576.40		5.34
Intl & General	403.20	411.40		0.01
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
071 407 5966				
Bridge Income	249.12	265.02	-2.12	5.66
Inc & Growth Inc	54.46	57.94	-0.40	4.54
Smaller Cos	53.80	56.93	+0.02	1.44
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	234.30	249.20†	+0.30	2.18
High Income	102.70	109.20†	-0.20	4.42
International	97.42	103.60	-0.10	0.59
Recovery Trust	60.14	63.97	-0.09	1.59
European Trust	78.04	83.02	-0.38	1.06
Japanese Trust	45.16	48.04	+0.68	
American Trust	81.66	86.87	-0.39	
Managed	65.13	69.28	+0.05	0.56
Cash	51.13	51.13	+0.02	4.04
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
071 374 0916				
UK Cap	347.80	354.00	+1.10	2.80
UK Inc/Gth	374.30	380.30	-0.10	3.41
UK Income	259.30	263.70†	-0.50	4.38
UK Sm Cos	226.90	235.80	-0.50	2.81
Euro Grth	120.60	121.40	+1.30	
N Amer Grth	76.45	77.24	-0.46	0.12
Japan Growth	88.60	89.32	+0.56	
Money Mkt	121.94	121.94		2.260
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	448.00	476.60	-10.80	2.75
(Accum Units)	881.20	937.40	-21.40	2.75
Equity Income	94.94	101.00	-0.80	4.05
UK Tactical Allocatn	53.95	57.29†	-0.62	3.10
European	110.10	117.10	-0.70	1.00
Far Eastern	234.80	249.80	-1.10	
Fixed Interest	49.66	52.83†	-0.06	6.93
Gilt	86.52	91.76	-0.21	6.95
Global Growth	76.55	81.44†	-0.19	0.10
Intl Bond	50.58	53.71	-0.07	5.25
Japanese	78.91	83.95†	+0.34	
North American	141.00	150.00	-1.00	1.05
Pacific Growth	110.80	117.90	-2.80	0.14
UK Index	88.36	93.08	-1.05	3.22
UK Recovery	88.04	92.66	-0.41	1.72
UK Smaller Cos	112.80	120.00†	-1.00	1.58
US Index	56.91	60.06†	-0.46	1.88
European Index	70.12	74.01	-0.89	1.62
Japan Index	43.43	45.84	+0.20	
Worldwide	82.06	87.30†	-0.31	1.47
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 262 621				
Growth	48.45	51.82	-0.56	1.93
Income	56.99	60.95	-1.37	2.84
Far East	54.71	58.51	...	
North American	87.41	93.49	-0.27	...
Global	90.28	96.54	-0.24	0.10
European	82.41	88.14	-0.10	0.33
Japan	112.40	120.20	+0.50	
Intl Currency Bd	56.95	59.37	-0.03	5.03
SE Asia	103.00	110.20	-0.10	
UK Cap Growth	88.79	94.96	-1.63	1.31
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313				
Balanced	327.60	348.60	-2.80	2.92
-do- Acc	745.30	792.90	-6.20	2.92
Conti Euro Gth	61.54	64.28	-0.14	0.88
-do- Acc	65.23	68.67	-0.16	0.88
Extra Inc	243.30	258.90†	-4.90	4.27
-do- Acc	631.60	672.00	-12.90	4.27
German Gth	121.20	127.60	-0.30	0.11

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Acc	127.10	133.60	-0.40	0.11
Growth Port	525.30	558.90	-2.90	0.21
-do- Acc	534.10	568.30	-3.00	0.21
Income	470.20	500.30	-3.10	3.86
-do- Acc	£12.62	£13.43	-8.00	3.86
Income Port	501.80	533.90	+2.30	4.33
-do- Acc	527.50	561.20	+2.40	4.33
Japan Growth	108.90	115.90	-0.30	
-do- Acc	109.20	116.20	+0.10	
Master Trust	56.07	59.65	-0.36	1.50
-do- Acc	62.58	66.58	-0.34	1.50
N American Gen	170.30	181.20	-2.00	0.82
-do- Acc	196.70	209.30	-2.20	0.82
NAm Sm Co Rec	132.19	138.50	-1.70	...
-do- Acc	132.80	141.30	-1.70	...
Pacific Basin	245.70	261.40	-1.40	0.53
-do- Acc	260.70	277.40	-1.50	0.53
Small Cos Rec	342.60	369.70	+0.90	2.07
-do- Acc	456.20	482.40	+1.30	2.07
UK Growth	81.35	86.55	-1.85	2.57
-do- Acc	97.77	104.10	-2.10	2.57
Worldwide Gth	305.30	324.80†	-7.60	0.47
-do- Acc	450.40	479.20	-2.30	0.47
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
0392 282 673				
American	60.79	65.23	-0.55	0.10
General	82.24	88.24†	-0.61	2.40
Income	63.59	68.23	-0.20	5.40
International	61.69	66.19	-0.46	0.40
Japan	60.92	65.37	-0.40	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	66.12	70.94	-0.07	1.30
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Secs/Unit Dlg: 0345 390 390				
Amer & General	369.10	390.30	-5.10	0.72
(Accum Units)	458.20	484.50	-6.40	0.72
Amer Recovery	428.60	453.20	-5.00	0.54
(Accum Units)	491.90	520.00	-5.80	0.54
Amer Smlr Cos	123.80	130.10	-0.50	0.09
(Accum Units)	125.70	132.90	-0.50	0.09
Australasian	163.90	173.30	-1.10	1.84
(Accum Units)	198.70	210.00	-1.30	1.84
Capital	791.00	836.50	-1.60	2.62
(Accum Units)	898.60	950.40	-1.80	2.62
Chadlund	652.50	689.20	-2.40	5.73
(Accum Units)	£30.61	£30.92	-11.10	5.73
Commodity	397.80	420.70	-0.90	0.45
(Accum Units)	583.20	616.90	-1.20	0.45
Compound Grth	900.50	952.30	-3.36	2.96
(Accum Units)	943.90	998.20	-3.48	2.96
Dividend	37.80	40.00†	-0.10	4.61
(Accum Units)	158.60	168.00	-0.50	4.61
Equity Income	329.60	348.60	+0.10	5.05
(Accum Units)	419.50	443.70	+0.10	5.05
Euro & General	487.00	508.70†	-3.60	1.02
(Accum Units)	608.40	643.40	-4.60	1.02
Euro Dividend	67.00	70.80	-0.40	3.74
(Accum Units)	79.90	84.50	-0.30	3.74
Extra Yield	396.00	418.80	-1.70	4.84
(Accum Units)	£12.29	£12.99	-5.10	4.84
Far Eastern	352.70	373.00	-3.20	0.79
(Accum Units)	467.20	494.20	-4.20	0.79
Fund of Inv Tsts	596.80	631.10†		2.04
(Accum Units)	£11.14	£11.78		2.04
General	58.20	61.60†	-0.20	3.85
(Accum Units)	163.80	173.20	-0.50	3.85
Gilt Income	58.93	58.94†	-0.12	8.13
(Accum Units)	161.34	161.63	-0.31	8.13
Gold	68.60	72.50	+1.20	0.82
(Accum Units)	80.98	85.60	+1.40	0.82
High Income	27.10	28.70†	-0.10	4.79
(Accum Units)	108.80	115.50	-0.20	4.79
Intl Growth	74.40	78.70	-0.60	1.07
(Accum Units)	129.60	137.10	-1.10	1.07
International Inc	94.80	100.30	-0.70	4.61
(Accum Units)	140.70	148.90	-1.00	4.61
Japan & Gen	49.90	52.80	-0.10	
(Accum Units)	53.50	56.70		...
Japan Smlr Cos	169.20	178.90	-0.20	
(Accum Units)	170.40	180.10	-0.20	
Managed Income	26.50	27.80†		4.06
Midland	59.20	62.60	+0.10	3.21
(Accum Units)	197.80	209.20	+0.20	3.21
Pension Ex	887.40	909.60	-2.90	4.48
Recovery	39.50	41.80†	-0.10	2.68
(Accum Units)	64.90	68.60	-0.20	2.68
Second General	67.90	71.80†	-0.10	3.53
(Accum Units)	175.40	185.40	-0.20	3.53
Smaller Cos	66.30	70.10	+0.20	3.16
(Accum Units)	130.20	137.60	+0.40	3.16
Sterling Hi Int	23.77	23.86†	-0.06	8.72
Treasury	25.00	25.04†		5.62
Trustee	39.90	42.20		4.58
(Accum Units)	160.70	170.20		4.58
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	76.95	81.86	-0.30	1.01
Intl Bond	60.41	63.52†	-0.16	6.10
Intl Equity Growth	68.68	73.06†	-0.24	0.54
N Amer Growth	90.01	95.75	-0.76	0.99
Special Sits Growth	20.47	21.77	-0.05	1.94
UK Growth	355.90	378.60	-3.90	2.94
(Accum Units)	464.20	493.80	-4.00	2.94
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825667				
Balanced Fd #	612.45	612.69†		3.28
Income #	949.70	963.80	...	4.80
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
031 222 4242				
Maldon General	136.20	140.00		4.36
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD				
Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	191.70	205.00		2.59
Gilt & Fxd Int	167.30	176.30		6.76
Intl Growth	204.30	217.70		0.27
North American	176.80	188.90		0.51
Far East	268.40	287.10	...	1.11
UK Smaller Cos	166.00	177.50		2.08
European	78.17	83.14		0.21
Japanese Growth	49.98	53.12		
High Income	182.70	195.40	...	4.62
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0244 680 066				
M & S Inv Ptflo	147.10	154.90	-0.58	2.20
-do- Accum	167.60	176.40	-0.58	2.20
UK Sel Ptflo	125.00	131.60†	-0.75	2.49
-do- Accum	145.30	153.00†	-0.75	2.49
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
0204 364 842				
Managed Tst	63.57	67.63	+0.70	4.00
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
031 479 4649				
Intl Income	68.60	72.82†	-0.33	4.45
European	76.98	81.72	-0.36	0.34
Income #	70.82	75.18†	-0.31	5.86
Nth American	58.41	62.01	-0.68	0.68
Far East	169.70	180.10	-0.50	...
Japan	59.09	62.73	+0.08	
Emging Mkts	101.00	108.00	-0.40	
Intl Growth	108.00	112.50	-0.50	0.64
UK Growth	85.08	90.32†	-0.09	0.82
UK Smll Co	44.56	47.30†	+0.01	0.84
Asian Opps Fd	38.41	41.08	-0.28	0.13
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
071 407 5966				
Income	401.71	427.35	-3.27	4.17
Global Inc	65.68	70.09	-0.34	2.95
Brit Leaders	329.99	351.05	-2.96	2.55
Intl Leaders	192.15	204.41	-1.91	0.81
PAM Mg Bal Grth	61.56	63.96	+0.07	0.84
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 071 280 2060				
American	190.90	202.90†	-2.60	
(Accum Units)	204.00	216.90†	-2.70	
American Opps	86.09	91.83	-0.500	
(Accum Units)	87.16	92.97	+0.500	
Britain Blue Chip	76.01	80.76	-0.67	2.99
(Accum Units)	93.71	99.58	-0.82	2.99
Cash	100.80	100.80		5.72
(Accum Units)	137.10	137.10		5.72
Emerging Mkts	108.80	117.00	+1.300	0.12
(Accum Units)	108.90	117.10	+1.200	0.12
European Growth	234.10	248.20	-1.40	0.18
(Accum Units)	252.40	267.50	-1.60	0.18
European Income	78.36	82.82†	-0.02	3.47
(Accum Units)	105.30	111.30†	-0.10	3.47
General	477.90	509.30	-3.30	2.43
(Accum Units)	931.60	992.80	-6.40	2.43
Global Bond	118.50	124.50	-0.20	5.55
(Accum Units)	142.80	150.10	-0.10	5.56
Gold & General	227.50	244.60	+2.700	0.37
(Accum Units)	233.50	251.10	+2.800	0.37
Govt Securities	87.67	90.38†	-0.36	6.29
(Accum Units)	170.60	175.90†	-0.50	6.29
Income	145.00	154.20†	-1.30	4.50
(Accum Units)	224.60	238.90†	-2.00	4.50
Inc Portfolio #	93.00	98.72†	-0.80	5.27
(Accum Units) #	94.05	99.84†	-0.76	5.27
Intl Opps	448.60	477.70†	-1.10	0.34
(Accum Units)	598.40	637.20†	-1.50	0.34
Japan	188.10	199.50	-0.50	
(Accum Units)	193.10	204.70	-0.60	
New Europe	170.60	182.00	-0.80	0.77
(Accum Units)	174.50	186.10	-0.80	0.77
Pacific	119.00	126.90	-0.80	0.80
(Accum Units)	127.30	135.80	-0.90	0.80
Recovery	280.80	299.50	-0.60	0.86
(Accum Units)	358.30	382.20	-0.70	0.86
UK Smaller Cos	54.22	57.83	+0.030	0.89
(Accum Units)	61.29	65.38	+0.030	0.89
Portfolio	76.98	81.78	-0.48	2.82
(Accum Units)	90.40	96.02	-0.56	2.82
Managed Grth	95.82	100.30	-0.50	1.89
Managed Inc	97.96	101.70	-0.50	4.42
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
0707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	109.15	116.12	-0.71	0.93
Portfolio	64.61	68.73†	-0.42	0.07
UK Income Inc	72.99	77.65	-0.55	4.83
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	57.98	61.18	-0.22	3.27
(Accum Units)	61.00	64.37	-0.23	3.27
British Tst	80.64	85.15	-0.78	1.97
(Accum Units)	92.70	97.89	-0.90	1.97
Extra High Inc	66.58	70.77	-0.11	6.48
(Accum Units)	126.90	134.90	-0.20	6.48
FT-SE 100 Acc	51.32	54.19	-0.57	3.21
FT-SE 100 Dist	51.32	54.19	-0.57	3.21
Gilt & Fxd Int	52.73	54.97†	-0.19	7.24
(Accum Units)	152.70	158.90†	-0.50	7.24
High Yield	213.70	227.00	-0.70	5.79
(Accum Units)	535.30	568.60	-1.80	5.79
Income	276.00	292.60	-2.0	3.75

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
(Accum Units)	600.50	636.60	-4.30	3.75
Money Market UT	49.66	49.66	...	4.79
(Accum Units)	77.25	77.25		4.79
Monthly Income	81.69	86.55†	-0.31	6.40
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	96.63	102.80	-1.0	1.91
European Growth	102.40	108.50	+0.70	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	83.04	88.08	-0.30	6.30
Income	81.45	86.65	-0.57	2.95
Japan Growth	55.49	58.82	+0.54	
Managed	66.46	70.79	-0.35	2.49
Money Market	88.31	91.49	...	4.39
North American	85.82	90.96	+0.28	0.49
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	87.78	93.38	-0.85	1.88
European Growth	96.23	102.10	+0.60	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	79.14	83.95	-0.29	6.28
Income	80.02	85.13	-0.55	3.02
Japan Growth	55.34	58.66	+0.53	
Managed	63.57	67.63	-0.25	2.46
Money Market	79.80	84.59	...	4.34
North American	78.24	82.93	+0.24	0.59
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	87.79	93.38	-0.85	1.88
European Growth	94.01	99.65	+0.61	...
Gilt & Fixed Inc	72.58	76.98	-0.28	6.41
Income	79.09	84.14	-0.55	3.04
Japan Growth	56.66	60.08	+0.56	...
Managed	66.40	70.64	-0.26	2.45
Money Market	74.44	78.91	...	4.41
North American	86.58	91.78	+0.27	0.46
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
071 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.15	12.92	...	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gwth	320.10	340.20	-1.60	0.09
European Gth Inc	413.90	443.20†	+2.60	0.29
(Accum Units)	418.40	448.00†	+2.70	0.29
Intl Grwth	194.50	207.60	-1.60	0.99
UK Equity Inc	174.20	185.80	-1.40	3.18
UK Intl Tcbr Inc	152.80	163.60	-1.30	2.75
(Accum Units)	179.40	192.10	-1.50	2.75
US Eq Intl Tcbr Inc	189.50	201.00	-1.80	1.53
Japan Trackers	79.41	84.12	+0.38	...
Asean Trader	197.60	213.80	-1.70	0.30
Managed Inc	148.50	158.58†	-0.50	1.48
Deposit Inc	99.97	99.97	+0.01	4.29
Europa	170.50	183.00	+0.40	0.28
Eastrn	148.00	162.70	+0.60	2.23
High Income	21.89	23.00†	-0.15	10.60
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 953				
Acumen	91.01	93.71	-0.51	2.37
Acumen Inc	85.14	88.13	-0.48	2.37
Acumen Reserve	81.90	82.72	+0.24	8.23
-do- Inc	71.47	72.19	+0.22	8.23
American Growth #	151.80	158.70	-0.70	1.03
Cash Income	49.78	49.78†		4.44
Equity Income #	99.37	92.79†	-0.75	4.60
European	68.08	69.50	-0.73	
Smaller Cos	74.18	78.06†	+0.24	1.06
Olympiad	63.76	65.28	-0.35	0.22
Global Bond	41.39	42.51†	+0.06	6.71
UK Growth	86.92	91.50	-0.77	1.63
Pacific Growth	104.40	108.20	-0.10	
Japan Growth	92.71	99.32	+0.26	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	117.04	124.51	-1.32	2.89
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
061 237 5322				
UK Growth	71.44	76.01	-0.50	2.12
UK Income	102.70	109.30†	+0.40	4.93
Higher Income	203.00	216.80†	-1.10	5.10
Smaller Cos	75.96	80.81	-2.87	2.21
International	91.43	97.27	-0.32	1.74
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD				
071 623 4200				
Americas Dist	100.44	107.42†	-1.36	0.68
European Dist	103.60	110.80†	-0.80	0.47
Far East Dist	182.10	194.90	-0.48	
Global Care Dist	65.12	69.65†	-0.04	1.25
Oseas Dist	995.90	£10.65	-6.70	0.12
(Accum Units)	£12.92	£13.82	-8.80	0.12
UK Dist	328.70	351.50†	-2.70	2.68
(Accum Units)	644.60	689.40	-5.40	2.68
UK Extra Inc Dist	74.30	79.46	-0.38	4.06
Wwde Dist	102.60	109.70	-0.60	
Wwde Inc Dist	67.41	72.19	-0.49	2.39
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 396				
Europe Inc	61.25	64.55	-0.16	0.49
Fund of Funds Inc	56.44	59.57	-0.23	0.87
North America Inc	47.43	50.06	-0.37	0.52
UK Equity Grth Inc	56.34	59.46†	-0.35	2.10
(Accum Units)	58.47	61.71	-0.37	2.10
UK General Inc	55.13	58.18	-0.30	2.58
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	46.13	48.57	-0.07	7.23
UK Income Inc	55.22	58.28†	-0.29	3.09
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Income	224.35	238.89	-0.68	3.48
Global	321.97	341.57	-1.50	0.20
General	181.94	193.56	-0.57	1.83
Bond	112.75	119.79†	-0.82	5.97
Growth	119.24	128.86	-0.74	2.46
Intnatnl	114.47	119.24†		1.53
Bridge Fund	83.40	88.73		2.20
[illegible]	88.36	94.01†	-0.53	3.22
Formerly Capital House				
American Gwth Tst	34.62	37.02	-0.20	
Cash Income	50.12	50.12†		4.82
European Gwth	37.79	40.27	-0.16	0.16
Income & Gwth Inc	25.62	27.67	-0.20	4.87
Intl Gwth	29.34	31.37	-0.02	0.52
Japan Gwth	28.25	30.19	+0.13	...
Managed Tst Inc	45.80	48.98	-0.36	2.56
Oriental Opps Inc	138.21	147.90	-3.20	
Property Shares	35.74	38.22†	+1.77	0.81
Smaller Cos	30.04	32.12	+0.04	1.71
UK Growth Tst	33.93	35.66	-0.04	2.98
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	52.04	73.83	-0.79	1.72
Cap Hse UK Inc	54.55	69.03†	-0.63	2.89
[illegible]	29.94	30.70		1.78
[illegible]	82.36	94.50	-0.19	3.44
[illegible]	49.04	52.21†	-0.18	...
High Income	70.95	75.88†	-0.34	6.45
Mngd Ptflio Inc	101.70	108.78		1.07
Mngd Ptflio Acc	194.40	207.98		1.07
Monthly Income	76.33	81.68	-1.72	4.74
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
0603 682 234				
Master Trust	118.42	125.96	-0.50	1.88
UK Equity	131.53	139.93	-1.17	3.14
UK Equity Income	124.31	132.25†	-1.13	3.56
UK Smaller Cos	112.83	120.03	+0.19	1.75
UK Equity Growth	122.59	130.42	-0.94	2.31
UK Index Trckg	134.91	143.42	+0.58	3.53
Intl Index Trckg	140.99	149.99	-0.52	1.14
International	226.87	241.35	-0.94	0.34
European	187.26	199.21	-0.66	0.22
Pan European	125.14	133.13†	-0.51	1.29
Nth American	159.47	169.65†	-1.36	0.30
N Amer Smlr Cos	175.86	187.08	-1.48	...
Japanese	100.03	106.41†	+0.38	
Pacific	234.86	249.85†	-0.64	0.06
South East Asian	251.69	267.76	-1.65	0.38
Intl Bond	127.89	135.97	-0.58	5.53
Gilt & Convertible	100.23	106.54†	-0.49	6.56
Property	82.31	87.56†	+0.03	5.08
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	230.60	245.50†	-2.00	2.58
(Accum Units)	487.20	518.20	-4.30	2.58
Growth	149.60	157.40	-1.10	2.65
Income	228.20	242.70	-1.80	3.82
Intl Equity	243.60	259.10	-1.40	0.88
(Accum Units)	269.20	286.30	-1.70	0.88
UK Income	63.75	67.81	-0.54	3.18
UK Intl 25	76.40	81.27	-0.57	2.04
New Europe	75.28	80.08	-0.48	0.38
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
0491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	579.98	619.34	-2.99	0.42
(Accum Units)	579.88	619.88	-2.35	0.42
Income	330.02	352.97	-3.13	3.52
Wwde Recovery	366.40	391.88	-1.19	0.03
Amer Growth Inc	207.62	222.06	-2.14	0.01
(Accum Units)	207.62	222.06	-2.14	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	234.50	250.81	-1.04	0.14
Far Estn Grth Inc	281.57	301.15†	-4.37	0.03
(Accum Units)	281.57	301.15	-4.37	0.03
Euro Grth Inc	133.88	143.19†	-0.29	0.44
(Accum Units)	134.29	143.63	-0.29	0.44
UK Growth Inc	84.75	90.65	-0.68	2.69
(Accum Units)	86.82	92.86	-0.67	2.69
High Income	91.84	98.23	-0.79	4.23
Jap Grth Inc	234.54	249.72	-0.02	0.01
(Accum Units)	234.54	249.72	-0.02	0.01
PEP Growth	114.05	121.98	-0.55	0.95
Asian Smlr Mkts Inc	126.31	135.10	-1.36	0.01
(Accum Units)	126.31	135.10	-1.38	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	121.82	130.29†	-0.40	0.01
(Accum Units)	121.82	130.29	-0.40	0.01
Global Bond	53.03	55.85	-0.60	5.99
UK Smaller Cos Inc	77.97	83.40	+0.03	1.30
(Accum Units)	81.01	86.65	+0.04	1.30
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
081 201 3927				
American	95.23	101.31	+0.01	
European	68.15	72.50	+0.11	
Global	63.19	67.22	-0.07	...
Pacific	62.05	66.01	+0.38	...
UK Inc & Gro	62.53	66.52	+0.19	1.91
POINTON YORK UT MGRS				
0533 550 540				
Brit Direcns Dlgs	94.53	100.67	-0.46	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGRS LTD				
071 407 5966				
Portfolio	154.42	162.55		0.65
Emerg Mkts	48.69	51.25	+0.06	
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	56.69	60.09	-0.19	2.55
Growth Income	60.08	63.68	-0.20	2.41
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	124.86	132.84	-0.84	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	88.02	93.63	-1.00	3.67
Conv & Gilt	110.70	117.80†	-0.30	6.32
European Income	71.23	75.78	-0.28	2.92
Extra Income	146.00	155.40†	-0.50	3.98
(Accum Units)	177.20	188.50	-0.60	3.98
Far East	407.70	433.60	-2.30	0.23
(Accum Units)	415.40	441.90	-2.40	0.23
Global Income	25.01	26.60	-0.13	4.39
High Income	111.00	118.00	-0.40	3.63
(Accum Units)	131.70	140.10	-0.40	3.63
International	201.30	214.20	-0.60	0.52
(Accum Units)	207.50	220.70	-0.70	0.52
Pref & Fxd Int	43.26	46.02	+0.04	7.72
Recovery	69.84	74.30	-0.28	2.57
Special Sits	102.00	108.50†		1.31
(Accum Units)	110.30	117.30	-0.10	1.31
Technology	352.70	375.20	-3.30	
UK Blue Chip	66.54	70.78	-0.33	2.92
(Accum Units)	73.80	78.51	-0.38	2.92
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0622 674 751				
General	50.67	53.90†		2.21
International	89.21	94.90		0.38
Gilt	23.71	24.44†		6.78
Income & Gwth	68.83	73.22†	...	4.78
European	50.08	53.28	...	0.44
American	51.20	54.47		
Emerging Mkts	75.40	80.21		0.04
UK Smaller Cos	29.36	31.23		1.66
Gilt/Fixed Interest	24.45	26.01†		7.18
Global PEP	37.58	39.98		1.28
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD				
0256 768 888				
European Inc	250.50	269.40	-0.80	
(Accum Units)	265.10	285.00	-1.00	
Japan Inc	112.90	120.40	+0.20	
Nth American Inc	102.80	110.40	-1.30	...
Worldwide Inc	157.50	169.40	-0.50	0.15
Hong Kong Inc	126.80	136.00	-1.70	1.44
Swiss Equities Inc	64.74	69.32	-0.24	
Wwde Bond Inc	60.40	63.91	+0.02	4.93
Emerging Asia Inc	222.00	240.80†	-0.50	
(Accum Units)	222.80	241.80	-0.50	
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.32	50.33†	...	4.97
Thailand Inc	163.60	175.50†	+0.40	0.59
Gold Trust Inc	78.52	85.11	-2.07	0.21

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
New Zealand Inc	85.13	92.24	-0.87	1.70
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	62.33	67.10	-0.06	0.94
Latin Am Corp Inc	72.41	77.97	+1.64	0.39
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	56.36	60.47	-0.49	2.51
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	77.10	82.46	+0.31	
Global Portfolio	70.01	74.86	+0.21	...
Global Opps	69.95	74.81	+0.14	
Marsh Global Grth	84.78	90.67	-0.43	...
AAM Global Equity	52.94	56.11†	+0.31	...
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	84.75	91.17	-0.56	...
Temple Equity Inc	43.06	46.08	-0.07	3.11
Harley Growth	72.50	76.85	+0.16	0.29
Intl Growth Inc	84.28	90.14	-0.05	0.60
IPS Portfolio Inc	82.57	88.31	-0.06	
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	46.69	48.39†	-0.15	...
Premier Portus Inc	67.88	72.61	+0.44	1.43
Roxburgh Shat Gth	71.38	76.34	+0.48	...
Tech Analysis	98.54	102.70	-0.40	
Rosebery Growth	51.16	55.48	+0.07	
Transatlantic Strat	76.39	81.70	+0.04	0.02
UPC Intl-Act Grth	53.15	57.39	+0.22	...
[illegible]	48.61	53.74	-0.10	
Prem Equity Inc	108.70	114.40		
Lowes Intl Growth	44.27	46.80	-0.17	0.86
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
071 588 3963				
Equity Gth	162.80	173.20	+0.20	1.81
European Gth	95.66	102.80	-0.10	0.39
Income & Gth #	126.40	134.50	-0.60	3.28
Japan Gth	126.20	134.00		
Nth Amer Gth	113.60	120.76	-0.90	0.17
Overseas Gth	88.17	93.80	-0.34	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
061 476 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4480				
Managed Tst	35.58	38.05	-0.15	1.46
Cash Haven Inc	101.28	101.78†	+0.01	4.80
Cash Haven Acc	110.88	111.42†	+0.01	4.80
Dist Trust Inc	93.68	100.17	-0.23	4.28
Dist Trust Acc	95.73	102.38	-0.30	4.28
Global Growth	86.33	92.33	-0.51	1.16
Equity Inc	80.07	85.63†	-0.30	3.70
Equity	700.09	748.75	-6.12	2.22
European	201.58	215.69†	-1.13	0.90
High Income	86.37	92.37†	-0.28	4.94
Intl Gth	174.45	186.57	-0.74	1.05
Intl Str Co	74.90	80.10	-0.23	0.41
Japanese	226.03	241.74	+0.38	...
Nth Amer	155.64	166.26†	-1.62	1.85
Pacific Mkts	101.85	108.92	-0.89	0.23
Premier Inc	46.84	48.74	-0.10	4.99
Sm Cos	83.79	89.61	+0.09	1.55
Spec Sits	103.73	110.94†	-0.58	2.12
UK Growth	117.42	125.58	+0.19	2.28
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS. LTD				
0892 510 033				
British Life	289.00	306.60	-0.60	3.15
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD				
081 285 2555				
Managed	93.18	98.87	...	2.25
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	491.00	522.36	-3.82	0.34
FA America (Acc)	574.03	610.69	-4.46	0.34
FA UK Equity Inc	149.04	158.11†	-1.66	3.64
FA Japan	269.35	286.74	+0.30	
FA Major UK Cos	90.69	96.77†	-1.84	2.36
FA Smlr UK Cos	281.33	306.33	+0.12	1.34
FA European	306.71	325.16	-0.98	0.52
FA Amer Smlr Cos	42.83	45.67	-0.30	...
FA Asia	48.38	51.86	-0.56	...
FA Jap Smlr Cos	52.67	56.35	+0.23	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	92.18	96.94	-1.03	
UK Smlr Cos	80.92	85.17	+0.84	...
UK Income	90.25	94.99	-0.97	...
America	98.54	103.72	-0.76	
Japanese	59.23	62.34	+0.09	...
European	97.98	103.11	-0.31	...
Gilt	86.62	90.12	-0.17	...
Deposit	82.89	87.25		...
Managed	95.40	100.41	-0.84	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	89.71	94.42	-1.00	...
UK Smaller Cos	79.08	83.23	+0.04	...
UK Income	88.05	92.68	-0.95	...
America	95.94	100.98	-0.74	...
Japanese	57.68	60.71	+0.08	...
European	95.43	100.44	-0.31	...
Gilt	84.62	89.07	-0.11	...
Deposit	78.95	83.10		...
Managed	89.74	94.45	-0.52	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000				
United States	74.04	79.02	-0.85	0.23
Pacific Basin	80.18	86.39	-0.32	...
High Inc Dist	126.70	135.50	-1.00	5.24
Ryl Life Inv Cltry	57.59	61.25	-0.09	4.29
Ryl Life Intl Grth	65.82	70.30	-0.31	0.028
Ryl Life Intl Spec	62.35	66.32	-0.29	...
UK Emerging Cos	120.10	129.86		1.19
UK Index Trckg	157.50	167.80†	+1.40	3.29
European	122.60	131.90	-0.80	0.29
Managed	140.30	150.70	-0.70	0.84
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0206 764 400				
American Growth	139.90	148.00	-0.40	0.34
European Growth	107.10	113.29	-0.30	0.86
Far East Growth	133.20	141.80	+0.20	0.25
Japan Growth	138.70	147.50	...	...
Special Sits	183.10	194.70	+0.80	1.58
UK Growth	73.55	78.24†	+0.48	2.44
Tolton General	232.70	247.80	+0.10	0.65
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	166.90	176.60	-0.60	0.21
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	331.80	351.10	-1.60	0.51
(Accum Units)	515.90	545.90	-1.50	0.51
Growth Inc	128.60	136.10	...	0.53
(Accum Units)	131.00	138.60		0.53
International Inc	332.70	352.10	-0.20	0.39
(Accum Units)	458.30	482.90	-0.20	0.39
Nth Am & Intl Inc	304.70	322.40	-2.10	0.42
UK Gen Prog Inc	214.80	227.30	-0.10	1.15
UK High Inc Inc	129.30	136.80	-0.80	3.84
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
071 330 0572				
American Gwth	80.64	84.51†	-0.84	...
Amer Smlr Cos	72.84	77.48†	-0.93	
Asean Gwth	110.90	117.97	-0.89	0.75
European Grth	63.97	68.05†	-0.31	1.60
Global Bd	57.92	61.25	-0.09	5.00
Global Eq	61.51	65.43†	-0.36	8.50
Japanese Eq	56.91	60.53†	-0.05	...
Japan Sm Cos	65.27	70.28	-0.13	...
UK Gen	52.31	55.64	-0.17	2.60
UK Gwth	57.69	61.36†	-0.10	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	65.08	69.21	-0.45	4.33
Amer Smlr Cos	105.60	112.30	-1.10	
Asean Smaller Cos	46.51	49.48	+0.12	...
Capital Portfolio	124.60	132.80	-0.30	1.94
Capital	158.40	168.50	-1.0	1.22
Cash	125.50	125.50†		5.27
China Dragon	57.45	61.12	-0.76	0.63
Commodity	133.40	141.90	+0.30	0.31
Eastern Discovery	102.40	108.90	-0.30	
Emerging Mkts	40.49	43.07	-0.17	...
Energy Inds	116.60	124.00	-1.10	0.45
European Gwth	182.80	194.50†	-0.90	
Euro Inc & Gwth #	75.05	79.84	-0.32	2.03
Euro Smlr Cos	50.35	53.56†	+0.04	
Extra Income #	50.37	51.89	-0.15	6.81
Financial Secs	193.40	205.70†	-0.70	1.05
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	47.96	50.62	+0.05	6.95
Gold & Exploration	85.13	90.56	+1.40	...
High Return #	219.70	233.70	-1.30	4.35
High Yield #	217.80	231.50	-1.40	4.05
Income #	115.90	123.30	-0.60	4.46
Intl Bond	159.00	169.00	-0.20	5.65
ITU	202.20	215.10	-0.20	1.57
Japan Growth	181.90	193.50	+0.20	
Japan Smaller	195.20	207.70	+1.30	...
Korea	71.75	76.33	-0.54	
Masterfund	53.99	57.44†	-0.11	0.79
Scotbits	291.90	310.50	-1.20	1.46
Scotshares #	276.50	294.10†	-2.20	2.55
Scotyields #	232.00	246.80	-1.20	3.82
Select Intl	138.00	146.80	-1.50	0.35
Smaller Cos Inc #	237.00	252.10	+0.10	3.82
SE Asia	55.81	59.37	-0.25	
Special Situation	119.60	127.20	-0.90	1.24
UK Equity #	237.00	252.10	-1.60	2.97
UK Growth	61.80	65.74	-0.39	1.51
Uk Smlr Cos Gwth	45.51	48.41	+0.11	0.80
US Growth	141.80	150.90	-1.20	0.46
Univ Growth	138.70	147.60	-0.90	0.70
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Cnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	239.55	254.88†	-2.69	1.04
(Accum Units)	261.64	278.37	-2.93	1.04
European Gwth	71.05	75.67	-0.73	1.04
Euro Smlr Cos	74.38	79.33†	-0.01	0.23
Far Eastern Gth	97.01	103.47	-0.83	...
(Accum Units)	98.76	105.34	-0.86	
Gilt & Fixed Int	49.82	52.32	-0.66	7.14
Global Bond	48.81	50.44	-0.30	6.33
(Accum Units)	52.29	54.03	-0.33	6.33
Global Emer Mkts	53.11	56.65	+0.24	...
(Accum Units)	53.11	56.65	+0.24	
Income	333.86	356.11	-3.84	4.09
(Accum Units)	£10.40	£11.09	-11.99	4.09
Japan Smlr Cos	500.65	534.02	-1.31	
(Accum Units)	501.65	535.09	-1.31	
Japan Enterprise	73.20	78.07	-0.02	
Pacific Gwth	127.36	135.87	-1.74	
(Accum Units)	131.50	140.26	-1.80	
Seoul	52.66	56.94	-0.57	
(Accum Units)	52.66	56.94	-0.57	
Smaller Cos	203.80	217.38†	+0.45	1.09
Tokyo	128.98	137.57	+0.15	
(Accum Units)	130.28	138.96	+0.15	
UK Enterprise	235.88	251.60†	-1.84	2.04
(Accum Units)	283.00	301.86	-2.22	2.04
UK Equity	226.96	242.09†	-2.29	2.82
(Accum Units)	441.02	470.42	-4.45	2.82
US Smlr Cos	150.87	160.92	-1.81	
(Accum Units)	44.38	46.22	-0.45	0.61
World Fd	78.15	83.36	-0.75	2.01
(Accum Units)	84.21	89.82	-0.81	2.01
Institutional Funds				
European	226.96	236.36	-2.32	1.37
(Accum Units)	251.69	262.11	-2.56	1.37
Euro Smlr Cos	27.64	28.79		1.60
(Accum Units)	29.33	30.55		1.60
Global Equity Inc	75.95	79.11	-0.26	0.91
Japan Smlr Cos	40.58	42.27†	-0.01	
(Accum Units)	40.90	42.60	-0.01	...
Mngd Balanced	179.25	186.71†	-1.36	2.77
(Accum Units)	202.22	210.65	-1.53	2.77
Overseas Equity	188.07	195.82†	-1.28	1.08
(Accum Units)	192.86	200.89	-1.33	1.08
Oseas Smlr Cos	122.25	127.34	-0.30	0.73
(Accum Units)	127.50	132.80	-0.41	0.73
Pacific	244.22	254.38	-2.48	1.18
(Accum Units)	266.49	277.60	-2.70	1.18
Recovery	£17.59	£18.32	-10.92	2.94
(Accum Units)	£18.40	£19.17	-11.43	2.94
UK Index	147.86	154.04	-1.18	3.34
(Accum Units)	180.46	187.97	-1.44	3.34
UK Small Cos	109.64	114.20	+0.05	2.67
(Accum Units)	116.19	121.03	+0.06	2.67
US Smlr Cos	43.60	45.41	-0.44	0.61
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
041 204 2200				
Equity Income	48.55	51.71	+0.26	3.06
Equity Trust	59.12	62.96	+0.29	2.70
Equity Strategy	68.05	72.47	+0.25	1.39
European Opps	84.05	89.51	-1.36	0.81
UK Smaller Cos	60.87	64.83	+0.22	1.43
Medimum Inc	99.37	101.95	+0.01	8.38
Japanese	80.90	86.16	+0.14	
Asia Pacific	121.52	129.43	-1.06	0.95
American	95.71	101.93	-0.89	0.82
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	30.77	30.77	+0.01	5.197
UK General Inc	49.29	52.58	-0.44	2.84
(Accum Units)	63.30	67.52	-0.56	2.84
Intl Income	270.80	288.00†	-1.40	1.01
(Accum Units)	464.80	494.50†	-2.30	1.01
European	76.56	81.04†	-0.71	1.47
Japan	71.51	75.76†	+0.23	0.06
American	63.77	67.52†	-0.64	1.92
Far East	85.97	91.70	-0.37	0.76

Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Ethical Inc	28.74	30.74	-0.60	2.16
UK Blue Chip Inc	31.96	34.18†	-0.32	2.96
High Inc Inc	34.42	36.71†	-0.24	3.44
UK Global Inc	39.40	42.04	-0.19	1.57
Wwide Tact	71.69	76.62†	-0.10	1.25
Europe 2000 Tact	50.79	53.98	-0.32	1.51
Technology	105.06	111.85†	-0.43	1.59
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
031 225 2211				
UK Equity	367.50	392.70	-3.10	2.92
American	244.40	259.50	-0.60	0.53
Pacific	387.80	414.90	-6.70	0.59
European	525.90	562.50	...	1.25
Worldwide	84.74	90.67	-0.42	0.85
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	258.90	275.58†	-2.58	2.21
(Accum Units)	326.80	347.76†	-2.58	2.21
UK Str Co Eq Inc	198.20	209.30†	+0.30	2.38
(Accum Units)	225.00	240.19†	+0.30	2.38
Select Oppty Inc	62.94	67.32	-0.52	1.98
Income Plus Inc	67.41	71.72	-0.71	4.28
European Inc	330.60	351.40	-2.10	0.86
(Accum Units)	373.50	397.40	-2.10	0.86
Far Eastern Inc	174.60	185.80	-1.50	0.87
(Accum Units)	198.80	211.50	-1.80	0.67
Japanese Inc	64.56	68.69	-0.01	...
Nth American Inc	231.00	246.60	-2.10	0.88
(Accum Units)	255.20	271.50	-2.10	0.80
Intl Growth Inc	198.60	211.30†	-1.80	0.85
Wwide Venture Inc	77.96	82.94	-0.75	0.74
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
031 658 3734				
Equity Inc	350.50	373.80	-1.30	2.61
(Accum Units)	514.00	548.20	+1.90	2.61
UK High Inc	178.20	190.10	+0.80	3.78
(Accum Units)	257.30	274.40	+1.20	3.78
Europe Inc	348.10	371.20	-1.80	0.19
Nth Amer Inc	209.50	223.50	-4.50	0.88
Global Inc	200.40	213.70	-0.80	0.19
UK Spec Sits Inc	93.15	99.35	+0.60	3.05
South East Asia	225.90	240.00	-2.00	0.47
Cash Trust Inc	100.00	100.30		4.75
UK Smlr Cos Inc	98.47	105.00	+0.20	2.02
(Accum Units)	100.00	106.70	+0.20	2.02
Intl Bond Inc	89.13	94.82	-0.29	6.85
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	145.80	153.10	-1.00	4.36
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
European	120.00	128.30	-1.20	0.85
Nth American	97.85	103.00	-1.10	0.35
Intl Bond & Curr	120.10	126.40†	-0.10	5.32
Pooled Pension (£)	180.90	194.50†		3.26
Smaller Cos	69.97	73.65†	+0.27	1.38
UK General	123.70	130.20†	-1.10	2.12
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
071 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund‡	97.22		-1.35	...
Aztec‡	91.68		+2.10	...
European‡	118.80		-0.90	
Global Bond‡	83.68		-0.21	7.68
Samurai‡	87.79		+0.85	
UK Growth‡	99.72		-0.22	2.75
Tal Part‡	101.40		-0.98	
UK Emerg Leaders‡	96.79		+0.26	1.47
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
071 637 5377				
American	293.70	310.80†	+2.30	0.19
Canadian	66.53	70.41†	+0.16	0.81
Capital	121.70	130.30	+0.50	1.29
Cash	101.02	101.02	+0.05	4.46
European	129.70	137.20	+0.30	0.85
Far Eastern	164.00	173.80	+2.00	...
Growth	131.80	139.50	+0.60	1.07
Income	126.40	133.70	+0.50	5.68
Magnum	130.10	138.40	+0.40	1.28
Smlr Secs	365.90	387.20		0.87
Thoroughbred	151.40	162.30	+0.40	1.15
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0202 298 422				
Cash	49.85	50.35†		5.00
[illegible]	54.31	57.93	-0.16	8.06
Ethical	52.50	55.85	-0.18	3.10
European Growth	71.26	76.01	-0.42	2.88
Income	52.73	56.24†	-0.33	5.00
Intl Growth	97.03	103.50	-0.60	2.90
Managed	80.15	85.49	-0.56	3.70
UK Growth	59.30	63.25	-0.36	3.50
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	38.12	40.41		1.60
Global Advtg Acc	40.64	43.08		1.60
Income Advtg Inc	30.77	32.62†	+0.10	4.00
Income Advtg Acc	33.78	35.61	+0.10	4.00
UK Equity Gth Acc	63.44	67.25	+0.20	1.31
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	49.49	52.59	...	1.43
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	35.18	37.38		3.35
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	43.56	46.31		3.95
UK Equity Gen Acc	60.57	64.36	+0.20	2.29
UK Equity Gen Inc	44.80	47.61	+0.20	2.29
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.67	31.60	+0.10	6.35
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	308.60	332.70	-3.30	1.50
Nth American Acc	42.72	45.39	-0.50	0.94
Far East Acc	69.52	73.87	-0.20	0.06
European Acc	50.54	53.70	-0.20	0.78
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
071 344 7000				
Global A (A$)	3.692	3.914		0.54
US Eqts (US$)	2.289	2.431		0.71
Far East Eqs (yen)	235.98	250.60		
Japan Eqties (yen)	258.80	274.90		
FT Europe	121.90	129.40	...	1.57
FT N Amer (US$)	1.761	1.867		0.97
FT Japan (yen)	231.70	246.10		
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.413	2.563		0.93
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
031 226 3271				
American	347.00	369.70	-3.00	...
British #	978.50	£10.33	-3.00	4.16
Emging Mkts	151.78	161.60	+1.70	...
European	505.90	533.92	+1.80	0.86
Japan	156.40	166.00	+0.26	
New Pacific	385.60	412.80	-4.20	0.77
(Accum Units)	406.40	434.90	-4.40	0.76
Inv Trust Acc	252.80	267.90	-0.30	1.17
Mngd Equity	166.20	178.00	-0.40	1.41
Mngd Cash	96.50	96.50	+0.01	5.32
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 389				
Equity	787.70	842.50	-6.80	3.46
North America	118.70	127.00	-1.00	0.99
Far East	147.60	157.90	-1.00	0.04
Wwide Bond	55.01	58.40	-0.02	5.46
European	97.92	104.70	-0.40	0.12
Equity Income	86.09	92.07†	-0.76	4.82
Portfolio	82.17	87.88	-0.69	1.24
UK Leading Cos	58.12	61.83	-0.65	3.49
Broker Trusts				
Intl Equity	65.68	70.25	+0.22	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
0800 525 725				
American Growth	32.79	35.07	-0.35	0.87
Managed Assets	124.80	133.27	-1.03	2.87
UK Income	39.13	41.86†	-0.35	3.48
UK Growth	37.68	40.31	-0.30	2.60
Worldwide Growth	34.45	36.85	-0.19	0.66
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010				
Discretionary	48.40	51.49	+0.35	...
Cap Protector Inc	41.09	43.95	-0.18	2.59
UK Income Inc	49.53	52.97	-0.58	3.27
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	32.07	34.30	-0.21	3.74
Mngd High Yld Inc	76.92	82.27†	-0.74	4.26
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	72.00	77.01†	-0.77	3.19
UK Smaller Cos	32.62	34.89	+0.03	1.70
Pacific Grth Port	46.63	49.87	-0.54	0.20
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
0264 345 784				
American	199.54	211.28	-0.07	
(Accum Units)	219.80	232.70	-0.07	...
Brit Growth	93.21	98.64	-0.78	2.13
(Accum Units)	112.17	118.69	-0.95	2.43
European	103.06	109.06	-0.38	0.52
(Accum Units)	109.61	115.99	-0.39	0.52
Extra Income	188.30	199.26	+0.94	4.32
(Accum Units)	319.51	338.11	+0.58	4.32
Smaller Cos	69.58	73.63	+1.12	1.82
(Accum Units)	78.05	82.59	+1.26	1.62
General	274.36	290.33	+0.03	2.30
(Accum Units)	560.15	592.76	+0.08	2.30
Premier Income	48.29	50.30	-0.06	8.25
(Accum Units)	108.79	113.33	-0.13	8.25
Income	323.19	342.00†	+0.94	4.09
(Accum Units)	708.63	749.87†	+2.06	4.09
Pacific	427.77	452.67	+3.34	...
(Accum Units)	449.48	475.64	+3.51	...
International	531.56	562.50	-1.26	0.19
(Accum Units)	698.97	739.65	+1.66	0.10
Nat Resources	165.42	175.04	+2.39	
Shield Opps	102.26	108.21	+0.62	1.36
(Accum Units)	130.18	137.78	+0.80	1.35
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"Come and see my new restaurant," he said, "but don't ask me to pose for a bloody picture."

Marco's cooking being rivalled only by his temper, I didn't protest.

Marco Pierre White, from the safety of Table 3.

On the other hand, we're about to start work on his new cookbook, 'White Heat II' and here was a chance to capture the maestro in a moment of spontaneous combustion.

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BOB CARLOS CLARKE

Superzoom at the ready, I keep an eye on the kitchen door.

My starter appears (baked sea scallops with lemon and cinnamon - heaven).

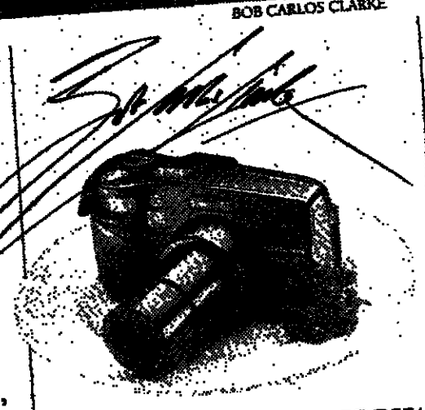
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As Marco explodes, I snap. The result, you see above.

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POP ON FRIDAY: So what if 1994 was a year to file under 'Thanks, but no thanks'? Next year is going to be fab

Nasty, brutish and Kurt

David Sinclair looks back at a year of sensation, depression and aggression

There was a time, not so long ago, when the news pages of the music papers were mostly taken up with reports of personnel changes in groups and announcements of forthcoming records and tours. Not any more. A cursory glance at the stories circulating this Christmas reveals a sorry trail of mayhem: Shaun Ryder of Happy Mondays fined for threatening behaviour; Kelley Deal of the Breeders charged with drug trafficking; rapper Tupac Shakur shot five times after being sentenced to imprisonment for sexual abuse; reggae singer Garnett Silk and his mother killed after gunshots caused a gas canister to explode. It's almost as bad as reading the cricket scores.

Then there are the legal fees. It is reported that Ozzy Osbourne is suing his former Black Sabbath colleague Tony Iommi; the organisers of Woodstock '94 are involved in a legal wrangle with the town fathers of Saugerties, where the festival took place; George Michael's appeal against the court decision binding him to his record contract with Sony has been set for February 1996; and Trevor Long, the Fall's former manager, has been acquitted on charges of theft and deception. And all that in just one week.

For, as well as producing some of the most vibrant music of the decade, 1994 was the year that rock reclaimed its outlaw status and once again prised open the generation gap. Suddenly the idea, which had taken root towards the end of the 1980s, that rock'n'roll had become a cosy form of mass entertainment, with little of its former power to shock or unsettle the Establishment, did not seem so persuasive after all.

The related theory — that rock is dying on its feet and that all kids want to do is play computer games — also began to look rather threadbare. Some of the performers might be dying on their feet, but that's a different matter.

The event that overshadowed all others during the year was the death in April of Kurt Cobain. His suicide polarised opinion along generational lines more clearly than any development since the advent of punk. I remember in particular the incredulous look on the face of one television anchorman when told that Cobain's death was a loss to rank alongside those of John Lennon and Jimi Hendrix. He simply could not get it and probably never will.

Cobain's widow, Courtney Love — who had been arrested and charged with possession of drugs hours before Cobain's death — maintained a display of indecorous hysteria as all around her the plot began to unravel. Within a month of her husband's death, Kristen Pfaff, the bass player in Love's group, Hole, had died from drug-related causes.

Everywhere you looked in 1994 the new generation of rock stars was busily reverting to the antisocial behaviour that had been the norm before Live Aid ushered in an era of moderation and personal responsibility. Evan Dando of the Lemonheads rambled on in interviews about his fascination with smack and crack. Equally tiresome tales of regally drunken excess invariably resulted from an encounter with Bobby Gillespie of Primal Scream. And even Oasis, whose *Definitely Maybe* album was one of the most uplifting and optimistic debuts in recent times, were better known to begin with for their internecine squabbling and hotel-wrecking exploits than for their music.

It all made for bigger and bolder headlines in an ever more clamorous world, but the cost in human terms may ultimately be greater than we care to think. If six people have already died in copycat versions of Cobain's suicide, then how many have imitated the "heroes" who speak with such casual relish about their escapades with hard drugs?

Along with its revival of interest in all things antisocial, rock also regained its taste for anti-Establishment protest and political activism. Fear and loathing of the Criminal Justice Bill, which passed through Parliament unopposed in the summer, provided the rallying point for a motley collection of musicians led by the Levellers, while on May 28, the Carnival Against the Nazis in Brockwell Park, London attracted a crowd of 130,000.

But, although the pop industry fed us with bigger and juicier stories in 1994 than ever before, its *raison d'être* remains the making of music. Without a good record, the rest is meaningless.



CHRIS HARRIS

"In 1994, rock regained its taste for protest and political activism": protesters against the Criminal Justice Bill storm the Establishment barricades

TOP ALBUMS OF 1994

1	Cross Road — The Best Of	Bon Jovi (Jambco)
2	Music Box	Mariah Carey (Columbia)
3	Carry On Up The Charts	Beautiful South (Go! Discs)
4	Always and Forever	Eternal (EMI)
5	The Division Bell	Pink Floyd (EMI)
6	Monster	R.E.M. (Warner Brothers)
7	Parklife	Blur (Food)
8	Live at the BBC	Beatles (Apple)
9	The Hit List	Cliff Richard (EMI)
10	End of Part One	Wet Wet Wet (Precious)

Compiled by MRIB

If the suit fits, wear it out

Menswear are going to go ballistic in 1995. So is McAlmont — that is, once they get round to releasing his album

Hauling out the crystal ball and gazing deep and dark into it, as is my wont at this time of year, I thought it appropriate to ask the dark demon helpers of the anti-Christ what will be happening in 1995 — as rock'n'roll is their domain, and they're usually quite handy with the odds on such-and-such a band getting a Top 20 placing with their fourth EP, and the likelihood of the obscure-yet-god-like Australian rocker Ed Kuepper having a No 1 album.

Satan's demons' Hot Tips have already enabled me to buy a small but well-appointed caravan in Pevensey, so come on, Hell's Spawn: what's cooking for 1995?

Well, first up, those kind people at Virgin Records are finally getting around to releasing the McAlmont album. The kind of people who remember these things may recall I interviewed him in October, and the article ended with the line "McAlmont *[the album] is on Hut Records, released through Virgin*". Due, however, to the crazy sense of humour with which McAlmont's A&R men are blessed, the "is" now reads: "Apparently coming out at the *end of January 1995.*"

Anyway, the man McAlmont himself is still the camp, black Björk, and the album will make you want to stitch waistcoats out of sunsets and fall in love with the nearest breathing thing. Next year will be his, if there is any justice in the world (which I'm starting to doubt).



CAITLIN MORAN

I often feel it my duty to warn people of forthcoming Ubiquitous Things. So, when I tell you that by this time next year you will have not only heard of Menswear, but will, in all probability, want to kill them, I do it with a sense of . . . glee, actually. Five boys, all under the age of 22, they have spent the past year playing the industry at its own game, to the point where their debut gig was attended by 32 A&R men, *and more pop stars than* you're likely to see at a Prince's Trust concert. To the point where, without even a debut single in sight, guitarist Chris is being used by Levi jeans in America as the Face of Young Britain. Sounding like a cross between Elastica and pretty much everything in the Top 20 in 1984, and looking like an unholy blend of Dick van Dyke in *Mary Poppins*, and the more rock'n'roll elements of Primal Scream, Menswear are going to be the most fun thing in music in 1995.

They've even sorted themselves out popstar girlfriends: Donna from Elastica and Carrie from pop-punk terrorists Shampoo. Expect to love to hate them quite soon.

Other than Menswear and McAlmont, 1995 will probably be witness to the following things: the New Romantic revival in the spring, prompted by the opening of several New Romantic clubs in London, Duranduran's third comeback, and Take That's forthcoming New Look. This will be followed, in the summer, by the long-awaited Goth revival, which will cause panic buying of liquid eye-liner up and down the country, during which stampede a small, skinny boy will die. The Goths will then hail him as their King, and release endless, whiny, dirgy, tribute albums.

At this point, the Cure will release another upbeat pop album, which will kill the Goth revival stone dead, just in time to usher in the Old Skool Hip Hop revival.

Madonna will continue to be rubbish until she slows down, puts on some weight and goes back to being a brunette; at which point she will become as cool as she was in 1989; and Björk will finally get a new hairdo and ditch the two knobs on her head she's had since May last year.

There's so much to look forward to.

Fan club outing

Tom Robinson
Grand, SW11

TOM ROBINSON has just completed one of his most successful years since the rock mainstream last paid him any serious mind, a decade or so ago, and he summed up a frenetic year of touring with this reward night for the faithful.

The fascinatingly motley audience included old rockers and folkies, gay supporters, straight couples and even whole families, the fraternal mood explained by the fact that this was chiefly a free show for members of one of the more mature fan collectives in operation, Robinson's Castaway Club.

Robinson invited several musical confrères to the party. With their help and a serenity that only comes with hundreds of gigs, he presented a charming miscellany of memories that reached right back to the Tom Robinson Band's 1977 Top Five tub-thumper "2-4-6-8-Motorway" and back through the days of "War Baby" and "Listen To The Radio: Atmospherics".

But this is no yesterday man wallowing in nostalgia: Robinson's writing continues to be acerbic and witty, especially on the ironic ode to masculinity, "Hard". He generously donated some spotlight to recording collaborators Jakko Jakszyk, until recently guitarist with the now defunct Level 42, and new-wave guitar survivor TV Smith.

Acoustic singer-writer Martyn Joseph aired his 1992 hit "Dolphins Make Me Cry" and previewed two songs from his forthcoming album written with Robinson, who gave a mock wince when Joseph said "he was having hits when I was at school".

The atmosphere was of friends spinning tunes around the fire, but a fire that can still throw out a dangerous spark, as with the ever-poignant "Glad To Be Gay" now updated and more relevant than ever in the Aids generation. The company finished on a triumphant "Back In The Old Country" at the close of a successful AGM for the Robinson business.

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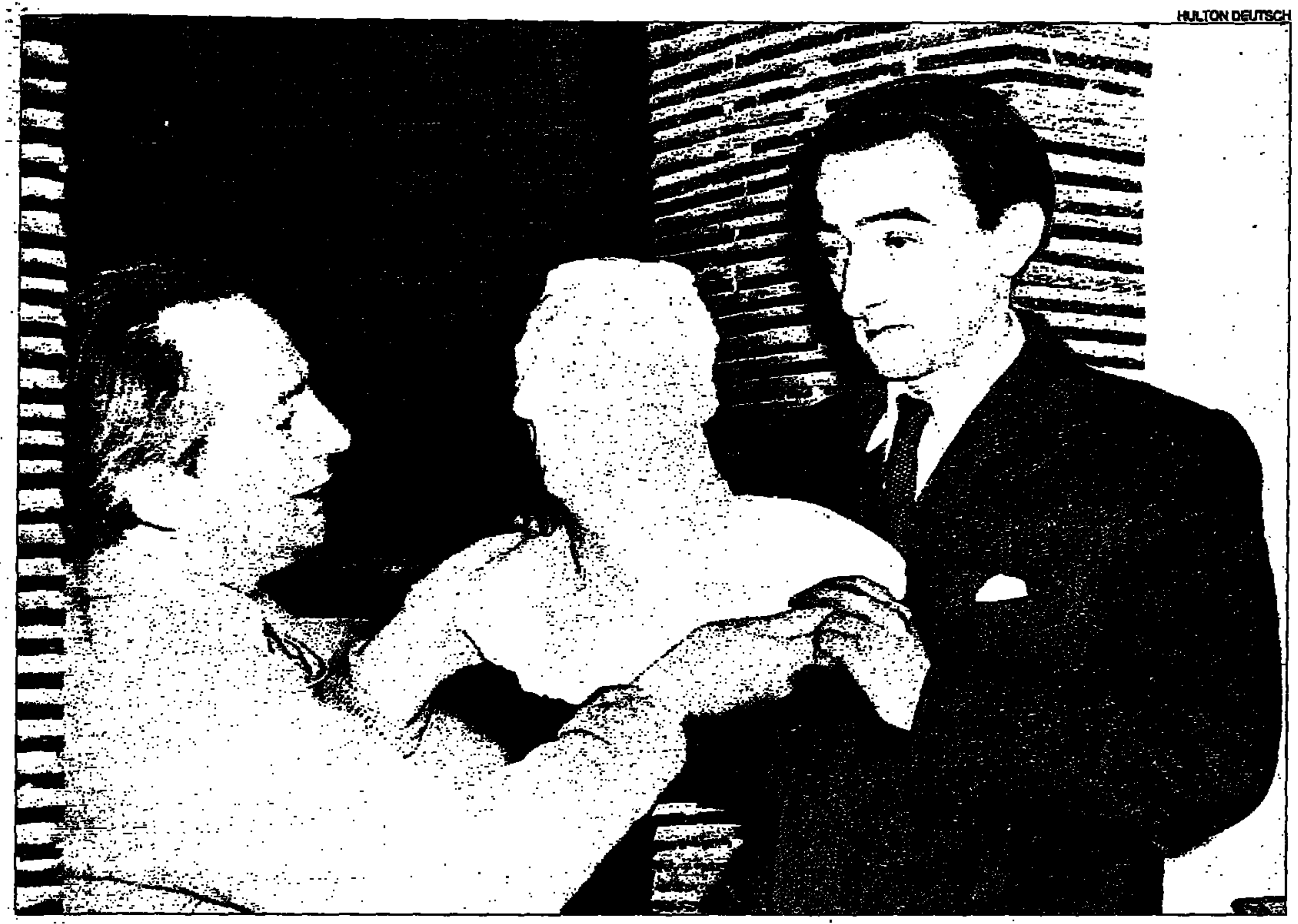
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A legend in another time

HULTON DEUTSCH



Ronald Duncan (right), in flesh and stone: "Of his many endearing attributes the one I most remember was his profound, weary melancholy"

Rodney Milnes recalls the twilight of a once famous man of letters with a fatal penchant for pretty women

The day I met . . . RONALD DUNCAN

He described himself as "an animated inkblot", and it was rather how Ronald Duncan looked as he ambled uncertainly down the long corridor of the publishing house where, in a previous life, I worked.

Slight of stature, swarthy of complexion, with prominent nose and eyes and a shock of patent-leather black hair, he was squeezed into the sort of tidy suit that rustic writers thought they ought to wear when visiting London publishers. And Duncan *in situ* was very rustic indeed — in Devon he was proud of frequently being taken for a tramp.

Practically my first job — this was in 1966 — was to edit the second volume of Duncan's autobiography, at that stage a typescript about a foot deep. The main problem was not length but, as the lawyers saw it, girlfriends, who featured in detail and quantity. Duncan was a notorious *coureur*, despite — perhaps because of — his unconventional looks.

Be that as it may (or is), lawyers demanded written agreement to publication from a dozen or more women, not to mention Duncan's wife Rose Marie, so my typewriter went into meltdown. None of them demurred (though the only one whose name was changed almost certainly would have done), and one, the Italian actress Anna Proclemer, pealed with laughter at the very notion that anyone might object.

Even so, it was a nervous young editor who went to Devon to work on the typescript. There had, after all, been Duncan's play *The Catalyst*, about a wife-husband-mistress triangle thought far too steamy by the Lord Chamberlain and so performed under club conditions, which, the typescript made plain, was based on fact. What of the wronged and possibly libelled wife? The attitude of Rose Marie, a beautiful and sharply witty woman, was roughly that of La Proclemer, all of which was an education to someone as unversed in the ways of the world as only the product of a good public school and solid middle-class background can be.

And it was an education to observe the rise and fall of fashion. In the late 1940s Duncan had been enormously successful: his verse play *This Way to the Tomb* (with music by Benjamin Britten), his translation of Cocteau's *The Eagle has Two Heads*, his libretto for *The Rape of Lucretia*, his journalism for Beaverbrook, put him at the centre of the pride of literary lions. He had known everyone who was anyone, from Gandhi to Kenneth Tynan.

But 20 years later he was a kind of pariah, shunned even by old friends (especially when, as he grew older, the girls got younger) and seen as some sort of mad fascist — he knew Pound, who dubbed him "the lone wolf of English letters", Eliot and Henry Williamson — ugh! He was unable to find a publisher save for his autobiographies.

He had been one of the first of Britten's "corpses", becoming a complete non-person at Aldeburgh. Instrumental in setting up the English Stage Company at the Royal Court, he had soon been ousted from the board, about which he was extremely bitter.

I found it impossible to equate the reputation of the man with the quiet, gentle Duncan I knew, the man whose pacifism had brought him together with Britten in the first place. Long after I had been fired (quite rightly, since I was a rotten publisher, mainly because I liked writers — a fatal flaw) he regularly asked me to stay in the glorious corner of Devon in which he lived, and where his and Rose Marie's kindness knew no bounds.

I suppose it was at this time I finally twigged that, tramp though he may have been in appearance, Duncan was very comfortably off. His father was a Dunkelsbühler and, if not precisely a Randlord, then at least a Randlad. He owned an awful lot of that glorious corner of Devon. For countless weekends we sat chain-smoking Gauloises (which finally did for Duncan in 1982) and putting the world to rights. Of his many endearing attributes the one I remember most warmly was his profound, weary melancholy at the sheer stupidity of the human race.

Lucretia, for so long under an Aldeburgh cloud and sidelined, is now firmly back at the centre of the Britten canon: its stature increases with each revival. *The Eagle*, recently revived, did not find favour, and I can just see Duncan smiling bleakly at the way it was Cocteau, not he, who got the flak. *This Way to the Tomb* cries out for revival — the "new" Aldeburgh even admits to the existence of the music — and in Duncan's lifetime actors like Richard Burton wanted to perform it, but managements were nervous of the author's pariah status.

His time may come again: countless American students (if this is any indication) have beavered away at theses on his vast output.

One thing still worries me. The fact that passages of remembered conversation in the autobiographies are identical to scenes in the plays leads one to suppose, if chicken and egg are the right way round, that Duncan dealt with poetic rather than literal truth. At the time, his stories about taking Britten to a brothel in Paris, or watching him playing A.A. Milne lines-and-squares hopscotch, seemed highly unlikely, but they turn up, authenticated, in Humphrey Carpenter's biography and the composer's diaries.

But Duncan's account of the completion of the *Lucretia* libretto still does not ring quite true. In 1946 the Christian framework was subject to ferocious attack: Duncan describes how he originally ended the text with the suicide of the protagonist and the ensemble: "Is this it all? It is all!"

With rich corroborative detail he recounts Britten saying the piece was musically incomplete, and he needed a further couple of dozen lines — hence the somewhat religiose Epilogue. So the attacks, he seems to be saying, should have been directed at the composer, not the librettist.

This won't wash. The Christian framework was there from the very beginning, indeed informs the whole work. The opera would be in every way incomplete without that Epilogue. Yet Duncan's specious (I believe) account is still being printed, without demur, in programmes. How the literal as opposed to poetic truth is to be established I know not, save perhaps by recourse to the Ouija board.

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Paul Haynes

LONDON

WIGMORE HALL: Although celebrating their tenth anniversary, the members of the **Brindisi String Quartet** are still quite young and are considered one of Britain's best quartets. Tonight they perform Mozart's String Quartet No 18 and Bartok's String Quartet No 3 as well as Schumann's **Piano Quintet** with pianist Barry Douglas.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1. Tonight, 7.30pm. (071-935 2141) Ⓢ

Tomorrow, as the year ends, you can relive the past when baritone Richard Lalli and pianist Gary Chapman give a special New Year's Eve performance of their inventive and varied renditions of classic American popular songs. The duo perform songs from the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s including Cole Porter and Noel Coward.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1. Tomorrow night, 7.30pm. (071-935 2141) Ⓢ

NEW YEAR AT THE BARBICAN: Today, conducted by Anthony Inglis, the **London Concert Orchestra** offers a feast of popular classics. The varied programme features Strauss, Elgar, Gershwin, Offenbach, Bizet, Puccini and Tchaikovsky's *1812* overture performed with cannon and mortar effects.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2. Tonight, 7.30pm; mat, 3.00pm. (071-638 8891) Ⓢ

Tomorrow night the **London Symphony Orchestra** celebrates in traditional style with the melodies of the Strauss family dominating, but also featuring lesser-known waltzes and polkas. John Georgiadis conducts. A shorter family matinee of this **Viennese concert** on Sunday.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2. Tomorrow night, Sun and Mon, 7.30pm, family mat Sunday, 3.00pm. (071-638 8891) Ⓢ

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GLASGOW: A grand opera gala is performed by the **Scottish Opera Orchestra** and the **Opera in Concert Chorus**. International soloists offer a selection of arias, ensembles and operatic highlights including Act II of *Die Fledermaus*. Martin Merry conducts.
Royal Concert Hall, Buchanan Street, Glasgow (041-227 5511). Tonight, 7.30pm.

BIRMINGHAM: Tomorrow night Anthony Inglis conducts the **London Concert Orchestra** which returns for a second year to give a traditional concert, a musical celebration to greet 1995.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street, Birmingham (021-212 3333). Tomorrow, 9.30pm. Ⓢ

On Sunday Robert Tear conducts the **London Concert Orchestra** with soprano Gillian Webster for the **Magic of Vienna**. Plenty of traditional Strauss family fare.
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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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◪ **ALICE'S ADVENTURES UNDER GROUND:** Christopher Hampton does not go far under the skin of Lewis Carroll. Accomplished acting by Michael Maloney and little Sasha Hanau but the play's purpose is unclear.
National, (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm Ⓢ

■ **FLORA THE RED MENACE:** Attractive staging of Kander & Ebb's first musical, a surprising story of an all-American girl toying with communism. Lucy Tregear in the role created by Liza Minnelli.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Sat, 4pm and Thurs, 2.30pm. No perf Jan 2. Until Feb 4. Ⓢ

□ **GRIMM TALES**: Tim Supple's superb staging of these really bloodthirsty fables. An amazing eveing. Unforgettable.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, at different times. Until Jan 21. Ⓢ

◪ **A PASSIONATE WOMAN**: Stephanie Cole plays a woman who'd rather sit on the roof and dream than attend her son's wedding: Ned Sherrin directs Kay Mellor's entertaining, though lightweight comedy.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

□ **RAISING FIRES**: Black Essex girl suspected of arson in the days of witch burning. Strong sense of period in Jenny McLeod's award-winning play about, greed, gossip and hypocrisy.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). (081-743 3388). Mon-Sat, 8pm. No performances Dec 24-Jan 2; until Jan 14.

■ **THE SHAKESPEARE REVIEW**: A sprightly mixture of sketches, songs and other material derived from Shakespeare devised and performed by members of the RSC. It includes songs by Cole Porter, Stephen Sondheim and Sandy Wilson and sketches by Alan Bennett, Stephen Fry and Victoria Wood.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm. Ⓢ

□ **SLAVS!**: Tony Kushner's densely packed serious comedy about the collapse of Communism. A strong cast find some passion in it but the struggle is hard, comrades.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Ⓢ

■ **THE THREEPENNY OPERA**: Tom Hollander sings Macheath in Kurt Weill's opera. Words by the team of writers customarily known as "Bertolt Brecht". Phyllida Lloyd's splendid revival.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (071-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm Ⓢ

□ **THE VENETIAN TWINS**: Michael Bogdanov's knockabout production loses some of Goldoni's comedy. David Troughton plays both twins.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm. Ⓢ

□ **WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND**: Three children find a fugitive in a barn and mistake him for Jesus. National Youth Music Theatre present the Russell Labey/Richard Taylor musical based on the popular film.
Riverside Studio 1, Crisp Rd, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2255). Dec 28-31, 7.30pm; mats Dec 28-31, 2.30pm. Until Dec 31 Ⓢ

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (071-930 8800) . . □ **Beautiful Thing**: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) . . ■ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . ■ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) . . □ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . ◪ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . . □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) . . ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-416 6060) . . ◪ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) . . ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) . . ■ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) . . □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . □ **Neville's Island**: Apollo (071-494 5070) . . . □ **On Approval**: Playhouse (071-839 4401) . . □ **Once on This Island**: Island (Royalty), (071-494 5090) . . ◪ **Only the Lonely**: Piccadilly (071-369 1734) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . □ **The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie**: Strand (071-930 8800) . . □ **The Queen and I**: Vaudeville (071-836 9987) . . □ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (071-836 8888) . . □ **The Sisters Rosensweig**: Old Vic (071-928 7616) . . ■ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . ■ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (071-344 0055) . . ◪ **Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

VANYA ON 42ND STREET (U): Absorbing film of Andre Gregory's treatment of "Uncle Vanya", caught in rehearsal by Louis Malle's cameras at a decrepit New York theatre. Wallace Shawn, Julianne Moore, Brooke Smith and George Gaynes head the fine cast.
Curzon Mayfair (071-369 1720)

CURRENT

◆ **D2: THE MIGHTY DUCKS** (U): Stale adventures of America's ice hockey team in the Junior Goodwill Games. With Emilio Estevez. Director, Sam Weisman.
Odeons: Kensington (0426-914 666) **Mezzanine** (0426-915 683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426-914 098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3333) **Warner West End** (071-437 4343)

L'ENFER (15): Jealousy rages in a provincial hotel. Uneven thriller from Claude Chabrol, with Emmanuele Béart and François Cluzet.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

◆ **HIGHLANDER III: THE SORCERER** (15): Incoherent addition to the tiresome series about Christopher Lambert's wandering immortal. Director, Andy Morahan.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343)

◆ **JUNIOR** (PG): Juvenile jokes abound as Arnold Schwarzenegger gets pregnant. With Emma Thompson and Danny DeVito. Director, Ivan Reitman.
Empire Ⓢ (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE LION KING** (U). African lion cub almost loses his father's throne. Much hyped but charmless Disney cartoon, however not really meant for tiny tots.
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◆ **MARY SHELLEY'S FRANKENSTEIN** (15): Unwieldy, overdone, unenjoyable slog through the famous story. Kenneth Branagh directs and stars with Robert De Niro and Helena Bonham Carter.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** Ⓢ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET** (U): John Hughes's gooey but just about digestible remake of the 1947 fantasy, with Richard Attenborough as a department store Santa.
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◆ **THE NEVERENDING STORY III** (U): Unappealing fantasy with Jason James Richter and a menagerie of dragons, gnomes and talking rocks from Jim Henson's Creature Shop. Director, Peter Macdonald.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS** (PG): The King of Hallowe'en tries to take over Christmas. Technically brilliant puppet fantasy conceived by Tim Burton, directed by Henry Selick.
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◆ **THE PAGEMASTER** (U). Macauley Culkin, in cartoon form, enjoys bland adventures in the world of books. Directors, Joe Johnston and Maurice Hunt.
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◆ **THE SPECIALIST** (15): Sharon Stone hires explosives expert Sylvester Stallone to avenge her parents' murder. Empty concoction that wastes its stars. With James Woods, Eric Roberts, Rod Steiger. Director, Luis Llosa.
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Chancery Division

Limit of court's inquiry into jury's actions

Regina v Young (Stephen)

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Waterhouse and Mr Justice Bell

[Reasons November 17]

While it would be a breach of section 8 of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 for anyone, including the Court of Appeal, to inquire after verdict into the jury's deliberations in their room, that did not prevent the court from inquiring into what happened while the jury was accommodated overnight at a hotel before delivering their verdict.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in giving reasons, embargoed from publication until after verdict in the retrial, for having allowed on October 24 the appeal of Stephen Andrew Young against his conviction on March 23, 1994 at Hove Crown Court (Mr Justice French and a jury) of the murders of Harry Fuller and Nicola Fuller, who were found shot at their cottage home in East Sussex on February 10, 1993.

A retrial was ordered and at the retrial at the Central Criminal Court (Mr Justice Blofeld and a jury) Young was again convicted of the murders and sentenced to life imprisonment for each on December 16.

Section 8 of the 1981 Act provides: "(1) Subject to subsection (2) below, it is a contempt of court to obtain, disclose or solicit any particulars of statements made, opinions expressed, arguments advanced or votes cast by members of a jury in the course of their deliberations in any legal proceedings.

"(2) This section does not apply to any disclosure of any particulars — (a) in the proceedings in question for the purpose of enabling the jury to arrive at their verdict, or in connection with the delivery of that verdict, (b) in evidence in any subsequent proceedings for an offence alleged to have been committed in relation to the jury in the first mentioned proceedings, or to the publication of any particulars so disclosed..."

Mr D. Penry-Davey, QC and Mr Stephen Holt, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Michael Lawson, QC and Mr Peter W. Clarke for the Crown; Mr Dorian Lovell-Pank as *amicus curiae*.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the reasons of the court, said that the Hove jury retired to consider their verdict on March 22, 1994: they were unable to reach a decision that day and were accommodated overnight in a local hotel. They returned to court the next day and reached a unanimous decision of guilty on both charges.

What had occurred at the hotel caused one juror such concern that he consulted a solicitor, to whom he gave a handwritten statement early in April 1994. The solicitor consulted counsel, who spoke to leading counsel for the appellant and the application before their Lordships' court on June 13, 1994 for leave to appeal was based on the juror's written statement.

In brief, the allegation was that while in the hotel, using a ouija board, some members of the jury purported to make contact with the deceased Harry Fuller and to have received certain information from him bearing upon the case.

Their Lordships could not accept the contention by Mr Penry-Davey, supported by Mr Lovell-Pank that the court could inquire into what happened at the hotel and what happened in the jury room thereafter. The object of section 8 was clearly to maintain the secrecy of the jury's deliberations in their retiring room. Their Lordships were in no doubt that section 8(1) applied to the court as to everyone else.

Their Lordships rejected the submission that the proceedings before their Lordships were to be regarded as "subsequent proceedings for an offence" within the meaning of section 8(2)(b).

Their Lordships referred to *R v Hood* ([1968] 53 Cr App R 466); *R v Brandon* ([1969] 53 Cr App R 466); *R v McCluskey* ([1993] 98 Cr App R 216); *R v Thompson* ([1962] Cr App R 72); *R v Bean* ([1991] Crim LR 843); and *R v Less* (*The Times* March 30, 1993) and said that the court could not, after verdict, inquire into what passed between jurors during their deliberations in their retiring room in the respects specified in section 8(1).

Did the same embargo apply to what might have happened during a jury's accommodation in an hotel during their retirement? In their Lordships' view the whole object of sending a jury to an hotel was to give them a break, rest or respite from their deliberations.

Judges, in practice, told juries that they should have a break from their deliberations until they returned to their jury room the next morning and should not deliberate at the hotel. The reality of the situation was that a jury's stay in an hotel was in fact a hiatus between sessions in the jury room during which the jury were in the course of their deliberations.

Their Lordships had concluded that they were entitled to inquire into what happened at the hotel but not what happened thereafter in the jury room.

Accordingly, they ordered that affidavits should be taken from each of the 12 jurors and from the two bailiffs looking after the jurors at the hotel. The Treasury Solicitor was asked to take charge of the inquiry in conjunction with a senior police officer of the rank of at least chief inspector.

Their Lordships required the affidavits to cover what, if anything, happened at the hotel, but not to breach section 8 of the 1981 Act by trespassing on what happened during the jury's deliberations in their retiring room.

What occurred was that, after dinner, there was conversation among some of the jurors about ouija boards. One bailiff spoke out strongly against them as did a lady juror, and the other bailiff agreed saying, "not to be so stupid".

About 11pm the bailiffs conducted the jurors to their rooms. Thereafter it was clear that four jurors, the foreman and three women, got together in the room of one of the woman. An ouija board was set up.

The word "ouija" was simply a combination of the French word *oui* and the German word *ja* and meant, therefore, "yes, yes". In the present case there was no formal board. Letters of the alphabet were printed on scraps of paper and a glass was used as a pointer. Those present each put a finger on the glass, which then moved towards a succession of letters, thereby purporting to reveal a message.

At least some of those present began that procedure as a joke or harmless prank. After purporting to receive messages from persons known or related to two of the jurors, one of them being deceased, the matter then proceeded, according to one of those present:

"Ray then asked, 'Is anyone there?' The glass went to Yes. Ray said, 'Who is it?' The glass spelt out Harry Fuller. When I say the glass spelt it out, I mean it went to each letter. I realised Fuller was the subject of the evidence we were hearing."

The description continued, including the message: "Vote guilty tomorrow..."

The juror went on: "It is only right to say I was crying by this time and the other ladies were upset as well. We realised it had gone too far and we ended the exercise. Ray threw the paper away. We retired to our rooms and agreed not to relate what we had done to anyone."

His Lordship said that, despite that agreement it was clear that the matter was discussed at breakfast with other jurors who had not been present at the ouija board and one of them was told, in addition to the account given above, that "Walther PPK" was mentioned as having emerged from the session. A gun of that type had been referred to in the evidence.

Their Lordships added that more than one juror admitted on affidavit to having had more drink than was good for them while in the hotel and to feeling the worse for it the next morning. Neither of the bailiffs seemed to have been aware of that or of the fact that four jurors had got together in one room over an ouija board.

Their Lordships considered *R v Stewart (Angela)* ([1989] 89 Cr App R 273); *R v Higgins* (*The Times* February 16, 1989); *R v Maggs* ([1990] 91 Cr App R 245); *R v Gearing (Note)* ([1968] 1 WLR 345); *R v Lawrence* ([1968] 1 WLR 341); *R v Corless* (1972) 56 Cr App R 341); *R v Davis (George)* ([1975) 62 Cr App R 194) and *R v Tharakan* (*The Times* November 10, 1994) and stated that, in their view, what had occurred in the present case was not merely objectionable but amounted to a material irregularity.

Although many, perhaps most people would regard attempts to communicate with the dead as futile, there could be no doubt that the four jurors were going through the motions of asking questions to that end and apparently receiving answers.

It seemed to their Lordships that what mattered was not whether the answers were truly from the deceased, but whether the jurors believed them to be so or whether they might have been influenced by the answers received during that exercise or experiment.

Their Lordships did not think it could be laughed off as being merely a drunken game which the court should disregard as Mr Lawson had suggested. The three women jurors were upset about what emerged. One was crying and took the view that it had gone too far. Why, if it was just a game? And why, when the verdict had been unanimous, should one juror, not one of the four, have been sufficiently concerned to consult a solicitor and make a statement about what had happened?

Their Lordships stressed that the answers which upset the jurors went to the heart of the case. They purported to deal with points which had been expressly raised by the evidence and they were strongly adverse to the appellant.

Their Lordships concluded there was a real danger that what had occurred during that misguided ouija session might have influenced some jurors and might thereby have prejudiced the appellant. For those reasons their Lordships had allowed the appeal but ordered a retrial.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Brighton; Treasury Solicitor.

Company can buy shares of sole asset holder

Acatos and Hutcheson plc v Watson

Before Mr Justice Lightman

[Judgment December 13]

Neither the rule in *Trevor v Whitworth* ((1887) 12 AC 409) nor section 143 of the Companies Act 1985 precluded the purchase by company A of 100 per cent of the issued share capital of company B notwithstanding that company B's sole asset was a substantial holding of some of the voting share capital of company A.

Mr Justice Lightman so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division when granting to the plaintiff, Acatos and Hutcheson plc, the declarations sought by its originating summons, namely (i) that it had power to acquire the entire issued share capital of Acatos Ltd and (ii) that the prohibition against a company acquiring or dealing in its own shares under the rule in *Trevor v Whitworth* and section 143 of the 1985 Act did not apply to the acquisition by the plaintiff of the entire issued share capital of *Acatos Ltd*.

The defendant, Peter George Watson, was the registered holder of shares in the plaintiff but not in Acatos Ltd and had been joined as a representative defendant.

Section 143 of the 1985 Act provides: "Subject to the following provisions, a company limited by shares... shall not acquire its own shares, whether by purchase, subscription or otherwise."

Miss Elizabeth Gloster, QC, for the plaintiff; Mr Terence Mowschenson for the defendant.

MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN said that the shares in Acatos Ltd were held by Mr Ian Hutcheson and associated trusts, companies and individuals who contemplated in early 1990 making an offer to acquire all the share capital of the plaintiff not already owned by them. Acatos Ltd was the vehicle through which it was intended that any offer for the plaintiff would be made.

On October 4, 1990 Acatos acquired a substantial shareholding in the plaintiff as a result of the exchange by the Hutcheson associates of their shares in the plaintiff for shares in *Acatos*.

Shortly thereafter, however, Acatos abandoned its intention of making an offer for the plaintiff and since then had performed the function only of providing under a contract to the plaintiff the services of Mr Hutcheson as chairman and chief executive of the plaintiff, together with his support staff. The company had no other material trading activities, assets or liabilities.

The shareholding of Acatos Ltd had, however, restricted the ability of the Hutcheson associates to trade freely their indirect interest in the plaintiff and the existence of a single substantial holding of the shares in the plaintiff had had an adverse effect on the level of activity in trading in the plaintiff's shares.

The plaintiff and the Hutcheson associates had therefore decided to return to the Hutcheson associates their direct interests in the plaintiff but the straightforward way of so doing, namely, liquidation of Acatos Ltd and distributing its holding in the plaintiff to its subscribers, had a substantial tax cost.

The Hutcheson associates and the plaintiff had therefore entered into an agreement dated September 26, 1994 providing for the sale by the Hutcheson associates of the entire issued share capital of Acatos Ltd to the plaintiff in exchange for an issue to the Hutcheson associates of new shares in the plaintiff.

The agreement had been negotiated at arm's length, the independent directors of the plaintiff having been separately advised by solicitors and accountants that the transaction was in the interests of the plaintiff and its shareholders.

Completion of the agreement was conditional upon "a declaration [being] made by the High Court of Justice in England and Wales, in form and substance satisfactory to the parties, to the effect that the acquisition of the shares pursuant to this agreement is *intra vires* the [plaintiff] and does not involve an unauthorised reduction of the [plaintiff]'s capital nor a dealing in its shares."

As to the law, the plaintiff could not, consistent with the rule in *Trevor v Whitworth* have purchased the shareholding held by Acatos Ltd. The question was whether it could side-step the rule by purchasing instead the issued share capital of Acatos Ltd, a course which had the same economic consequences for the plaintiff and its creditors.

Mr Mowschenson submitted that to prevent the rule and section 143 being circumvented the court should lift the corporate veil and treat the plaintiff as acquiring its own shares.

In Australia the question had been considered in three cases:

1 *Dyason v J. C. Hutton Pty Ltd* ([1935] The Argus LR 419) where Mr Justice Martin, in a very short judgment, had upheld the validity of a purchase by an wholly owned subsidiary of shares in its holding company;

2 *August Investments Pty Ltd v Poseidon Ltd and Another* ([1971] 2 SASR 71), where an injunction was refused to restrain Poseidon proceeding with a takeover offer to acquire the shares in another company, in exchange for shares in Poseidon, the complaint being that the other company held shares in Poseidon.

The judgment of Chief Justice Bray held that the rule did not apply because Poseidon was acquiring shares in another company, not its own shares and he refused the invitation to pierce the corporate veil.

He held that the validity of the purchase of the shares was unaffected either by the size of the holding of shares held by the other company in Poseidon, the percentage of the assets of the other company represented by the holding or the existence or non-existence on the part of Poseidon, as the motive for the acquisition of the other company, of the desire to acquire its own shares.

Mr Justice Hogarth's judgment was to similar effect but the concurring judgment of Mr Justice Mitchell suggested that where the company which was intended to become the subsidiary company had been set up in reality for the purpose of acquiring shares in the holding company, the court might be justified in regarding it as the creature of the holding company and that if the sole asset of the intended subsidiary were a parcel of shares in the proposed holding company, the court might be justified in looking at the realities of the situation.

It seemed to his Lordship that what Mr Justice Mitchell was postulating was the situation where it might be inferred from the facts, including the fact that the only asset of the intended subsidiary was shares in the holding company, that the intended subsidiary was set up as the first of two stages in a single scheme. In such situation, the corporate veil might well require to be lifted, but that was miles away from the present case.

3 In *Re Trade Practices Commission and Australian Iron and Steel Pty Ltd and Others* ([1990] 22 FCR 305), Mr Justice Lockhart cited with approval the judgment of Chief Justice Bray in the *Poseidon* case and expressed views *much to the same effect*.

All three Australian authorities therefore supported the view that the acquisition by the plaintiff of the shares in Acatos Ltd was outside the rule in *Trevor v Whitworth* and that there was no occasion to pierce the corporate veil.

Moreover, if the takeover of a target company were precluded by virtue of its holding of shares in the acquiring company, the acquisition by the target company of such a holding would be an effective defence to such a takeover. It was plain that the rule had no such remarkable or far reaching consequences.

Further, his Lordship could not think that the application of the rule depended on or was affected by the size of the holding by the target, the percentage of the assets of the target represented by the *holding or the motive for* acquisition of the target.

Nor did section 143 of the Act, which extended to exchanges of shares, in terms, any more than the common law rule, prohibit the acquisition by the plaintiff of Acatos Ltd.

That there was no such prohibition was put beyond question by section 23 of the Act which expressly entitled Acatos Ltd on the acquisition to retain its shareholding in the plaintiff, albeit suspending the voting rights in respect of those shares during its ownership.

His Lordship should have found that a compelling consideration had he otherwise been in doubt on the question whether the proposed transaction contravened the common law or statutory prohibition.

His Lordship would add that in view of the potential for abuse and adverse consequences for shareholders and creditors, the court would look carefully at transactions to see that the directors of the acquiring company had acted with an eye solely to the interests of the acquiring company and had fulfilled their fiduciary duties to safeguard the interests of shareholders and creditors alike.

Solicitors: Frere Cholmeley Bischoff; Frere Cholmeley Bischoff.

Duty to maintain statement of child's special needs

Regina v Dorset County Council and Another, Ex parte G

Before Mr Justice Auld

[Judgment December 5]

A local education authority's duty to maintain a statement of a child's special educational needs and to arrange the special educational provision specified in it continued after he became 16 and continued until the statement was amended or ceased to be maintained in accordance with the procedures set out in paragraphs 6 and 7 of Schedule 1 to the Education Act 1981.

Mr Justice Auld so held in the Queen's Bench Division at Plymouth when granting declaratory relief on an application brought by G by his father and next friend for judicial review of decisions of Dorset County Council and the Further Education Funding Council (FEFC) concerning the appropriate educational establishment for G to attend following his sixteenth birthday.

Mr John Friel for the applicant; *Mr Richard McManus for Dorset*; Miss Genevra Caws for the FEFC.

MR JUSTICE AULD said that if a local education authority could shed responsibility simply by not amending statements to reflect the necessary consequences of transition from pre to post-16 education, or by carefully drafting of them so as to confine them to pre-16 education, the potential prejudice to 16 to 18 year olds with special educational needs was great.

Once a pupil lost the protection of the statutory regime of the Education Acts: in particular the rights to make representations and of appeal, he would not find it replicated in the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 when seeking alternative provision from the FEFC.

In his Lordship's view, once a child was "statemented" the duty to maintain the statement under section 7(2) of the 1981 Act, now section 168(5)(a) of the Education Act 1993, continued after the child had reached 16, unless and until amended or ceased to be maintained on a proper proposal by the local education authority.

The duty to maintain the statement persisted irrespective of the criteria in section 4(2) of the 1981 Act, which applied to the initial identification by a local education authority of children with special educational needs.

That was of a piece with the point that the duty under section 7(2) to arrange the specified educational provision was a duty to arrange future as well as present provision.

In summary, a local education authority could not divest itself of responsibility for a pupil's schooling when he reached 16 by wrongfully failing to specify the appropriate schooling, either by silence or express exclusion, in his statement and by refusing to provide it when he reached 16 so that the pupil could not then satisfy the condition of the authority's continuing responsibility under section 4(2)(a) of the 1981 Act, namely by being a registered pupil at a school appropriate to his needs.

Section 2(6) of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 made it plain that the FEFC's duty to 16 to 18 year olds was secondary to that of a local education authority where the latter was responsible and maintained or should maintain a statement for a pupil requiring education in a school.

The scheme of the 1981 and 1992 Acts was that a local education authority had the primary duty for statemented provision in schools.

Solicitors: A. Smith & Sons, Gloucester; Mr David H. Jenkins, Dorchester; Beachcroft Stanleys.

Driver must record time at work after driving ends

Prime v Hosking

Before Lord Justice Henry and Mr Justice Kay

[Judgment December 12]

A driver of a heavy goods vehicle in which tachograph recording equipment had been installed was obliged to record on his timesheet time spent working overtime in general labouring in his employers' yard even when he had no intention of resuming driving until the following day at the earliest.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing an appeal by way of case stated by the prosecutor, a traffic examiner, against a decision of Truro and South Powder Justices to acquit the defendant, Patrick John Hosking, of an offence of failing to enter a period of work on his record sheet as required by article 15 of EEC Regulation No 3820/85, the drivers' hours regulation (OJ 1985 L370 p1) contrary to section 97 of the Transport Act 1968.

Mr Richard Hickmet for the prosecutor; Mr Iain Ross for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE HENRY said that article 15(3) made provision for recording not only actual driving hours but all other periods of work. Clearly working in an employer's yard should be recorded if it was part of a driver's ordinary working period.

The defendant argued that as the mischief aimed at by the regulation was driving the period of work was the period when he worked as a driver. When he drove for the last time his daily work period ended and the obligation to record times also ceased.

His Lordship said that there was no foundation in the regulation to cut short the daily working period to when a driver ceased driving. Under the regulations the working period started when he took charge of his vehicle and ended when his day's work ended. The words meant what they said: the daily working period ceased when he *stopped work*.

The defendant's second argument was founded on the definition of "rest" within article 1(5) of EEC Regulation No 3821/85, the recording equipment regulation (OJ 1985 L370 p1) as being an uninterrupted period of at least one hour during which the driver could "freely dispose of his time".

If he was free to choose whether or not to work overtime he was free to dispose of his time. Therefore, the overtime was not within his ordinary working period and he was not obliged to record the time.

His Lordship rejected that argument, it might be that at the moment when the driver was taking the decision to work overtime he was so free, but at the moment he opted so to work he came within the control of his employers and under their direction and was not free.

It was not sensible to say that someone working overtime was free to dispose of his time. He was working under the direction of his employer and the time had to be recorded under the regulations.

Solicitors: Tozers, Exeter; Over Taylor Biggs, Exeter.

Judge should allow for time on remand

Regina v Davies

Before Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny and Mr Justice Keene

[Judgment December 6]

Where a defendant was committed to the crown court for breach of a probation order and was subsequently sentenced to a term of imprisonment, that sentence was a fresh sentence and therefore, by reason of section 67 of the Criminal Justice Act 1967, time spent on remand before the probation order was imposed was not taken into account towards the fresh sentence. The sentencing judge must, therefore, specifically make allowance for the time spent on remand.

The Court of Appeal so stated when allowing the appeal of Paul Douglas Davies against sentences totalling three years imprisonment passed at Bournemouth Crown Court on July 15, 1994 (Mr Recorder Meggeson and two justices) following his committal for breach of a probation order imposed in July 1993 for offences of dishonesty, and a separate committal for sentence under section 38 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 by Bournemouth and Christchurch Justices, also for offences of dishonesty.

Mr Roger Davey, who did not appear below, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant.

MR JUSTICE KEENE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant had spent nine months on remand in custody before the probation order was imposed in July 1993.

The fact that that period would not be taken into account when a sentence of imprisonment was imposed for breach of the probation order, and that the judge must therefore make allowance for it, was not brought to the attention of the judge despite there having been several reported cases on the point.

Their Lordships wished to emphasise that counsel in such cases ought to recognise that it formed part of their responsibility to ensure that the sentencing tribunal did not overlook the matter. In the present case the total sentence would be reduced to 28 months.

Parole Board's duty includes protection of public outside jurisdiction

Regina v Parole Board, Ex parte White

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Mr Justice Latham

[Judgment December 16]

When the Parole Board was required to decide whether it was no longer necessary for the protection of the public that a discretionary life prisoner should be confined, its responsibility was not limited to protection of the public within the United Kingdom.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when dismissing an application by Joseph Lee Clarke White for judicial review of a decision of the discretionary life panel of the Parole Board on April 13, 1994 that it was not satisfied that it was no longer necessary for the protection of the public for him to be confined.

Mr Stuart W. Baker for White; Mr Rabinder Singh for the board.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that the applicant had been convicted of manslaughter and had completed, his tariff on March 6, 1991. His case was referred to the Parole Board in January 1994.

Prior to that determination the Home Secretary had made a deportation order under section 5(1) of the Immigration Act 1971 and had given written notice of directions for removal from the UK on completion of sentence.

It was submitted that the public whose protection the board had to consider was the public within the UK and that as the applicant would be deported at the end of his sentence, it was erroneous and unreasonable of the board to decide it was not satisfied. If deported in accordance with the order it could not be necessary for the protection of the public that he be confined any longer than was necessary to implement the deportation.

Her Ladship said that the essential issue was whether under section 34(4)(b) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 Parliament had intended that the public to be protected was limited to the UK. There was nothing in the Act and the court would not want to limit the board's responsibility by confining that responsibility to people within the UK. If Parliament wished to limit it Parliament must say so. In her Ladyship's judgment, the public was wider than the UK.

MR JUSTICE LATHAM said that the use of the word "public", equating to "any other person", was chosen because the situation presupposed that the applicant was in the confines of an establishment.

It directed attention to the fact that what both the board and the secretary of state had to be concerned with was the risk the applicant presented to other people outside the establishment in which he was held and carried no wider connotation than that. The board was therefore entitled to take into account the risk constituted generally.

Solicitors: Edwards Frais Abrahamson, Liverpool; Treasury Solicitor.

Power to vary order under repealed Act

B v B (Minors) (Periodical payments: Variation)

Before Mr Justice Douglas Brown

[Judgment December 9]

The courts had power to grant an application to vary or discharge a financial provision order made under the Guardianship of Minors Act 1971, despite the repeal of that Act by the Children Act 1989.

Mr Justice Douglas Brown so held in a reserved judgment in the Family Division allowing the father's appeal, by way of notice of motion, against the dismissal by Carlisle Justices of his application to vary an order made in 1989 under section 11(b) of the 1971 Act for periodical payments to be made to his wife in respect of their three children. No order was made on the father's alternative appeal under section 94 of the 1989 Act.

Section 16 of the Interpretation Act 1978 provides:

"(1) ... where an Act repeals an enactment, the repeal does not, unless the contrary intention appears ... (b) affect the previous operation of the enactment repealed or anything duly done or suffered under that enactment; (c) affect any ... liability acquired, accrued or incurred under that enactment: ... (e) affect any ... legal proceeding or remedy in respect of any such ... liability ... and any such ... legal proceeding or remedy may be instituted, continued or enforced ... as if the repealing Act had not been passed."

Mr David Harris, QC, for the father; Mr Robin Spon-Smith as *amicus curiae*.

MR JUSTICE DOUGLAS BROWN said that the whole of the Guardianship of Minors Act 1971 had been repealed in 1991 by the Children Act 1989.

Because of concern at the effect of that repeal, and the apparent absence of any specific provisions in the 1989 Act dealing with variation of old 1971 Act orders, the father had appealed against the justices' decision under section 94 of the 1989 Act and, alternatively, by way of notice of motion.

Mr Harris had relied on paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 to the 1989 Act in support of his proposition that that Act assumed a continued existence of financial relief orders for the benefit of children made under previous and repealed legislation. If a 1971 Act order was available to be varied in the circumstances provided for in paragraph 8, where a residence order was made, it must have remained in existence even though the legislation on which it was based had been repealed.

Mr Harris submitted that it could not have been the intention of Parliament (a) to make a residence order a condition precedent to the continued validity of financial provision orders, or the court's jurisdiction to vary or revoke such an order, or (b) that financial provision orders should remain in force but be incapable of variation or discharge regardless of the interests of justice.

The answer, he submitted, was to be found in section 16 of the 1978 Act. The repeal of the 1971 Act did not affect things duly done under the 1971 Act, including orders made under the Act and the right to receive and the liability to provide periodical payments under the order.

The father's obligation was to pay periodical payments as specified by the court subject to a right to apply for a reduction if there occurred an appropriate change in his circumstances. His application for a variation of the order was a legal proceeding or remedy in respect of such liability. His application could be instituted as if the repealing Act had not been passed, namely, under the 1971 Act.

The father was entitled to bring his application to vary, to have it heard and in the event that he wished to challenge the justices' decision to proceed by way of notice of motion.

In his Lordship's judgment, the matter was covered by section 16(1) of the 1978 Act. Mr Harris's analysis of the provisions of section 16 and their application to the circumstances of the instant case was convincing.

Old 1971 Act financial orders were clearly preserved, as was the right to make application to vary or discharge. In those circumstances, the correct course was to consider the appeal by way of notice of motion and to make no order on the 1989 Act appeal.

Solicitors: J. A. Coupland & Co, Carlisle; Official Solicitor.

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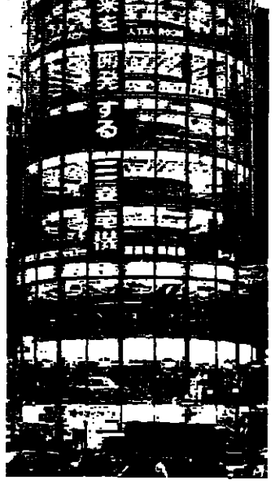
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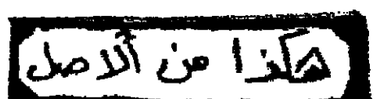




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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

National Football League
Jan 7-8: Divisional play-offs
Jan 15: Conference championship games
Jan 29: Super Bowl XXIX, Miami.
Sept 3: new season begins.

World League
Apr 8: Frankfurt v London Monarchs
Apr 9: Scottish Claymores v Rhine Fire
Apr 15: Rhine Fire v London Monarchs.
Apr 17: Barcelona v Scottish Claymores.
Apr 22: Frankfurt v Scottish Claymores.
Apr 23: London Monarchs v Amsterdam.
Apr 30: London Monarchs v Barcelona; Scottish Claymores v Amsterdam
May 7: Scottish Claymores v London Monarchs.
May 14: London Monarchs v Frankfurt; Rhine Fire v Scottish Claymores
May 20: Amsterdam v Scottish Claymores; Barcelona v London Monarchs
May 27: Scottish Claymores v Barcelona
May 29: London Monarchs v Rhine Fire.
June 3: Amsterdam v London Monarchs.
June 4: Scottish Claymores v Frankfurt
June 10: London Monarchs v Scottish Claymores
July 7: Eurobowl final, Stuttgart.

ANGLING

June 24: NFA individual national championships, River Witham.
June 24-25: World club championships, Coruche, Portugal.
July 1: NFA first division national championships, Gloucester
Aug 12-13: World championships, Lappeenranta, Finland.
Sept 2-9: World flyfishing championships, Ireland

ARCHERY

Mar 12: National indoor championships, Kitlingworth.
Mar 23-26: World indoor championships, Birmingham.
May 26-29: All British field championships, venue to be arranged.
June 10-11: UK masters, Lilleshall.
July 10-14: World target championships, Java, Indonesia.
Aug 12-13: British target championships, Lichfield.
Aug 27-28: National compound championships, Aylesbury.
Sept 30: National flight championships, North Yorkshire.
Dec 3: Junior national indoor, Ryton.
Dec 17: National compound indoor championships, Aylesbury.

ATHLETICS

Jan 8: Mallusk international cross-country, Belfast.
Jan 13: Indoor games, Hamilton, Canada.
Jan 15: Montreal Grand Prix.
Jan 28: Great Britain v Russia, Birmingham.
Jan 29: The Samsung Cup, Budapest.
Feb 3-4: AAA indoor championships, Birmingham.
Feb 11: Great Britain v France.
Feb 12: British veterans' national indoor championships, Birmingham.
Mar 10-12: World indoor championships, Barcelona.
Mar 11: English cross-country championships, Luton.
Mar 18: British veterans' national cross-country championships, Irving.
Mar 25: World cross-country championships, Durham.
Apr 2: Nutrasweet London Marathon.
Apr 9: World Marathon Cup, Athens.
Apr 23: British veterans' national 10 miles, Oswestry
Apr 29-30: World race walking cup, Peking.
May 8: British veterans' marathon championships, Belfast.
May 14: São Paulo Grand Prix.
May 20: British veterans' national road relays, Birmingham.
May 21: New York Grand Prix.
May 27: San Jose Grand Prix.
May 28: Harry Jerome track classic, Vancouver.
May 29: British veterans' national 5km; Wells.
June 7: Rome Grand Prix.
June 18: British veterans' national 10km road-running and road-walking championships, Birmingham.
June 24-25: European Cup, Lille
July 2: Gateshead Invitation
July 3: Paris Grand Prix.
July 5: Lausanne Grand Prix.
July 7: TSB Games (London Grand Prix), Crystal Palace.
July 8: International invitation meeting, Budapest.
July 10: Stockholm Grand Prix.
July 12: Nice Grand Prix.
July 13-23: World veterans' track and field championships, US.
July 15-16: AAA championships, Birmingham.
July 21: Oslo Grand Prix, (Bislett Games).
July 23: Sheffield Invitation games
July 25: Monte Carlo Grand Prix.
July 27: Great Britain v United States, Edinburgh.
July 27-30: European junior championships, Nyiregyhaza, Hungary.
July 29-30: Great Britain Under-23 v Italy v Spain v France, France.
Aug 4-13: World championships, Gothenburg.
Aug 5-6: British veterans' track and field championships, Exeter
Aug 16: Zurich Grand Prix.
Aug 25: Brussels Grand Prix.
Aug 27: Crystal Palace invitation games; Cologne Grand Prix.
Aug 28-Sept 8: Universiade, Fukuoka, Japan.
Sept 5: Berlin Grand Prix.
Sept 9: Grand Prix final, Monte Carlo.
Sept 9-10: British veterans' national heptathlon and decathlon championships, Sheffield.
Sept 15: '95 Toto international super meet, Tokyo.
Sept 24: British veterans' half-marathon championships, Lake Vyrnwy.
Oct 1: World half-marathon championships, Montbéliard, France.

BADMINTON

Feb 10-12: English national championships, Norwich.
Feb 17-19: British Grand Prix, Wimbledon.
Mar 3-5: English national Under-18 championships, venue tbc.
Mar 11-12: DSS All England veterans championships, Wimbledon.
Mar 13-18: Yonex All-England championships, NIA, Birmingham.
Mar 20: England v Korea, vtbc.
Mar 31-Apr 2: British Grand Prix, Portsmouth.
May 6-7: British Grand Prix, Lancaster.
May 17-28: World championships, Lausanne.
June 17-18: European circuit final.
June 29-July 2: Malaysian Open, Kuala Lumpur.
July 8-9: Indonesian Open.
Sept: British Grand Slam circuit, Belfast, tbc.
Oct: British Grand Slam circuit, Perth, tbc.
Nov 23-26: Scottish Open, Glasgow.
Dec 2-3: Welsh Open, Cardiff.
Dec 15-17: World Grand Prix finals.

BASKETBALL

Jan 2: WICB finals, Crystal Palace.
Jan 13: 7UP trophy final, NEC, Birmingham.
Jan 14-15: National cup (women), quarter-finals.
Jan 17-19: National cup (men), quarter-finals.
Feb 4-5: National cup (women), semi-finals.
Feb 8: National cup (men), semi-finals (first legs).
Feb 16: National cup (men), semi-finals (second legs).
Mar 5: National cup finals (men and women), Sheffield Arena.
Mar 8: European Korac cup final, first leg; European Ronchetti cup final, first leg.
Mar 14: European cup (men), final, Istanbul; All-Star game, Leicester.
Mar 15: European Korac cup final, second leg; European Ronchetti cup final, second leg.
Mar 22: European cup (women), semi-finals, Como.
Mar 23: European Cup (women), final, Como.
Apr 8: Budweiser championships play-offs, first legs.
Apr 11: European championship (for men's clubs), semi-finals, Zaragoza.
Apr 12: Budweiser championships play-offs, second legs.
Apr 13: European championship (for men's clubs), finals, Zaragoza.
Apr 15: Budweiser championships play-offs, third legs.
Apr 29-30: Budweiser championship finals, Wembley Arena
May 24-28: European championship qualifying round (men and women), NEC Birmingham (subject to confirmation).
June 8-17: European championship qualifying round (women), Europe.
June 17-18: United Kingdom and Ireland corporate games, Peterborough.
July 9-15: European youth Olympics, Bath.
July 12-22: Cadet European championship finals (men), Portugal
Aug 5: World junior championships (men); Pan-American Games.
Aug 17: European junior championships (men and women) for 1996 challenge rounds.
Sept 16: Start of English season.

BOBSLEIGHING

Jan 1-4: BMW Cup, St Moritz.
Jan 16-22: British championships, Igls, Austria.
Jan 25-Feb 1: World Cup 5, St Moritz.
Feb 7-19: World championships, Winterberg, Germany.

BOWLS

Feb 13-26: Churchill Insurance world indoor championships, Preston.
Mar 3-10: English women's national championships, Northampton
Mar 4-5: National inter-club championship (Denny Cup), Lawson Park.
Mar 11: Women's national inter-club championship (Yation Trophy), Northampton.
Mar 13-17: Men's home international series and British championships, Nottingham.
Mar 20-23: Women's home international series and British championships, Ballymoney
Mar 24-26: All England mixed fours championship, Church Cresley.
Apr 1-8: Manchester Unity English men's national championships, Melton Mowbray
Apr 14-16: Fitzzell All England mixed pairs championship.
Apr 18-30: Atlantic Rim women's outdoor championships, Durban
May 27: Junior international trial, New Lount BC, Leicestershire.
May 28: Senior international trial, New Lount BC.
July 3-7: British Isles championships and international series, Llanelli.
Aug 2-12: Double Century Sherry women's national championships, Leamington.
Aug 20: Sanatogen champion of champions singles competition, Worthing.
Aug 20-Sept 1: Sanatogen EBA national championships, Worthing.
Aug 27: County top four and national county Under-25s two fours competition, Worthing.
Sept 2: Middleton cup county championship, Worthing.
Sept 3: National club two fours competition, Worthing.
Sept 12-13: Sanatogen national 55s and over competitions, Wellingborough.
Sept 16-17: Junior international series, Leamington.
Sept 19-20: All England mixed fours competition, Blaby
Sept 23-24: Ashbourne Homes national mixed pairs competition, Ladygate, Ruislip.
Sept 25-Oct 1: International open indoor singles, Preston.

BOXING

Feb 13: England v Scotland, London.
Mar 28: ABA championships (south), semi-finals, Portsmouth
Mar 29: ABA championships (north), semi-finals, Doncaster.
Apr 12: ABA Championships, finals, Birmingham.
Apr 22: ABA national youth championships, semi-finals, vtbc
May 4-15: World senior championships, Berlin.
May 5 or May 13: National youth championships, Bletchley/ Bracknell
June 4-11: Liverpool multi-nations tournament.

CANOEING

Feb 25-26: National wild water racing championships, Yorkshire.
Apr 14-17: Devizes to Westminster marathon.
July 1-2: National sprint championships, Nottingham.
July 22-26: Junior world sprint championships, Japan.
Aug 15-20: Senior world sprint championships, Germany.
Aug 24-28: World wild water racing championships, Bala, North Wales.
Aug 26-27: National marathon championships, Nottingham.
Aug 29-Sept 3: World slalom championships, Nottingham
Sept 2-3: World marathon championships, Spain.
Sept 24: Hasiers marathon, Scotland.
Oct 21-22: British slalom open, Llangollen.

CRESTA RUN

Jan 14-15: Curzon Cup.
Jan 15: Harjes Cartier Silver Chip (handicap).
Jan 28-29: Brabazon trophy
Feb 4: Morgan Cup.
Feb 18: Grand National, Billy Fiske trophy.

CRICKET

Overseas

Jan 1-5: Australia v England, third Test, Sydney.
Jan 2-6: South Africa v New Zealand, third Test match, Cape Town.
Jan 3-6: England A four-day match, Bombay.
Jan 7: England v Zimbabwe, World Series Cup, Brisbane.
Jan 8: Australia v Australia A, World Series Cup, Brisbane.
Jan 8-11: England A four-day match, Madras.
Jan 10: Australia v England, World Series Cup, Melbourne; quadrangular tournament, first final, Cape Town.
Jan 12: Australia A v England, World Series Cup, Sydney; quadrangular tournament, first final, Johannesburg.
Jan 14: Quadrangular tournament, first final, Verwoerdburg.
Jan 14-18: India A v England A, first international match, Bangalore.
Jan 15: First final, World Series Cup, Sydney.
Jan 17: Second final, World Series Cup, Melbourne.
Jan 19: Third final, World Series Cup, Melbourne.
Jan 19-23: South Africa v Pakistan, Test match, Johannesburg.
Jan 21-23: Victoria v England XI, Bendigo.
Jan 21-24: England A four-day match, Delhi.
Jan 22: New Zealand v West Indies, first one-day international, Auckland.
Jan 25: New Zealand v West Indies, second one-day international, Wellington.
Jan 26-30: Australia v England, fourth Test, Adelaide
Jan 27-31: India A v England A, second international match, Calcutta.
Jan 28: New Zealand v West Indies, third one-day international, Christchurch.
Feb 1-5: Zimbabwe v Pakistan, first Test match, Harare.
Feb 3-7: Australia v England, fifth Test, Perth; New Zealand v West Indies, first Test match, Christchurch.
Feb 4-8: India A v England A, third international match, Chandigarh.
Feb 7-12: Zimbabwe v Pakistan, second Test match, Bulawayo.
Feb 10-14: New Zealand v West Indies, second Test match, Wellington
Feb 11: India A v England A, first one-day match, Indore.
Feb 14: India A v England A, second one-day match, Ahmedabad.
Feb 15: Australia v South Africa, quadrangular tournament, Wellington.
Feb 15-20: Zimbabwe v Pakistan, third Test match, Harare.
Feb 16: India A v England A, third one-day match, Hyderabad; New Zealand v West Indies, quadrangular tournament, Napier.
Feb 18: South Africa v West Indies, quadrangular tournament, Hamilton.
Feb 19: New Zealand v Australia, quadrangular tournament, Auckland.
Feb 20: Bangladesh v England A, first one-day match, Dhaka.
Feb 22: Bangladesh v England A, first one-day match, Dhaka; Australia v West Indies, quadrangular tournament, Dunedin, Zimbabwe v Pakistan, first one-day international, Harare.
Feb 23: New Zealand v South Africa, quadrangular tournament, Christchurch
Feb 24-26: Bangladesh v England A, three-day match, Dhaka.
Feb 25: Zimbabwe v Pakistan, second one-day international, Harare.
Feb 26: Quadrangular tournament final, Auckland; Zimbabwe v Pakistan, third one-day international, Harare.
Mar 4-8: New Zealand v South Africa, Test match, Auckland.
Mar 8: West Indies v Australia, first one-day international, Barbados.
Mar 11: West Indies v Australia, second one-day international, Trinidad.
Mar 11-15: New Zealand v Sri Lanka, first Test match, Napier.
Mar 12: West Indies v Australia, third one-day international, Trinidad.
Mar 15: West Indies v Australia, fourth one-day international, St Vincent.
Mar 18: West Indies v Australia, fifth one-day international, Guyana.
Mar 18-22: New Zealand v Sri Lanka, second Test match, Dunedin.
Mar 26: New Zealand v Sri Lanka, first one-day international, Christchurch.
Mar 29: New Zealand v Sri Lanka, second one-day international, Hamilton.
Mar 31-Apr 5: West Indies v Australia, first Test match, Barbados.
Apr 1: New Zealand, v Sri Lanka, third one-day international, Auckland
Apr 8-13: West Indies v Australia, second Test match, Antigua.
Apr 21-26: West Indies v Australia, third Test match, Trinidad.
Apr 29-May 4: West Indies v Australia, fourth Test match, Jamaica.

English first-class season

Apr 13: University matches (three days)
Cambridge University v Yorkshire, Fenner's.
Oxford University v Durham, The Parks.

Apr 18: Tetley Bitter Shield (four days)
Warwickshire v England A, Edgbaston.

University matches (three days)
Cambridge University v Lancashire, Fenner's.
Oxford University v Glamorgan, The Parks.

Apr 21: University match (one day)
Combined Universities v Northamptonshire, The Parks
Apr 23: Benson and Hedges Cup
Derbyshire v Northamptonshire, Derby
Durham v Leicestershire, Stockton.
Essex v Glamorgan, Chelmsford
Gloucestershire v Combined Universities, Bristol.
Middlesex v Hampshire, Lord's.
Minor Counties v Lancashire, Leek
Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire, Trent Bridge.
Somerset v Sussex, Taunton
Surrey v Ireland, The Oval.
Worcestershire v Scotland, Worcester.

Apr 25: Benson and Hedges Cup
Essex v Middlesex, Chelmsford.
Glamorgan v Combined Universities, Cardiff
Hampshire v Gloucestershire, Southampton.
Kent v Surrey, Canterbury.
Lancashire v Leicestershire, Old Trafford.
Minor Counties v Nottinghamshire, Leek.
Scotland v Derbyshire, Glasgow (Titwood).
Sussex v Ireland, Hove.
Warwickshire v Durham, Edgbaston.
Yorkshire v Worcestershire, Headingley

Apr 27: Britannic Assurance Championship
*Derbyshire v Sussex, Derby.
*Durham v Hampshire, Stockton.
*Essex v Leicestershire, Chelmsford.
*Kent v Northamptonshire, Canterbury
*Somerset v Glamorgan, Taunton.
*Surrey v Gloucestershire, The Oval.
*Warwickshire v Middlesex, Edgbaston.

Other match (four days)
Yorkshire v Lancashire, Headingley

University matches (three days)
Cambridge University v Nottinghamshire, Fenner's.
Oxford University v Worcestershire, The Parks.

Apr 30: Other match (one day)
Yorkshire v Lancashire, Headingley.

May 2: Benson and Hedges Cup
Combined Universities v Essex, Fenner's.
Durham v Nottinghamshire, Stockton
Gloucestershire v Middlesex, Bristol
Hampshire v Glamorgan, Southampton.
Kent v Somerset, Canterbury.
Leicestershire v Minor Counties, Leicester.
Northamptonshire v Worcestershire, Northampton.
Scotland v Yorkshire, Glasgow (Hamilton Crescent).
Surrey v Sussex, The Oval.
Warwickshire v Lancashire, Edgbaston.

May 3: Other match (one day)
MCC v MCC Young Cricketers, Lord's

May 4: Britannic Assurance Championship
Essex v Worcestershire, Chelmsford.
Glamorgan v Northamptonshire, Cardiff.
Lancashire v Durham, Old Trafford.
Leicestershire v Yorkshire, Leicester.
Middlesex v Hampshire, Lord's.
Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire, Trent Bridge.
Somerset v Gloucestershire, Taunton.
Sussex v Kent, Hove.
Warwickshire v Surrey, Edgbaston.

May 7: AXA Equity & Law League
Essex v Worcestershire, Chelmsford.
Glamorgan v Northamptonshire, Cardiff
Lancashire v Durham, Old Trafford.
Leicestershire v Yorkshire, Leicester.
Middlesex v Hampshire, Lord's.
Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire, Trent Bridge
Somerset v Gloucestershire, Taunton.
Sussex v Kent, Hove
Warwickshire v Surrey, Edgbaston

May 9: Benson and Hedges Cup
Combined Universities v Hampshire, The Parks.
Essex v Gloucestershire, Chelmsford
Glamorgan v Middlesex, Cardiff.
Ireland v Kent, Comber (North Down CC).
Lancashire v Nottinghamshire, Old Trafford.
Leicestershire v Warwickshire, Lacester.
Minor Counties v Durham, Jesmond
Somerset v Surrey, Taunton.
Worcestershire v Derbyshire, Worcester
Yorkshire v Northamptonshire, Headingley.

May 11: Britannic Assurance Championship
Derbyshire v Yorkshire, Chesterfield.
Glamorgan v Sussex, Swansea.
Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire, Bristol
Kent v Leicestershire, Canterbury.
Lancashire v Warwickshire, Old Trafford
Northamptonshire v Somerset, Northampton.
Surrey v Durham, The Oval
Worcestershire v Middlesex, Worcester.

University matches (three days)
Cambridge University v Essex, Fenner's.
Oxford University v Hampshire, The Parks.

May 13: Tour match (one day)
Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI v West Indians, Arundel.

May 14: AXA Equity & Law League
Derbyshire v Yorkshire, Chesterfield
Glamorgan v Sussex, Swansea
Gloucestershire v Nottinghamshire, Bristol.
Kent v Leicestershire, Canterbury.
Lancashire v Warwickshire, Old Trafford.
Northamptonshire v Somerset, Northampton
Surrey v Durham, The Oval
Worcestershire v Middlesex, Worcester.

Tour match (one day)
Hampshire v West Indians, Southampton.

University match (one day)
Cambridge v Oxford, Fenner's.

May 16: Tetley Bitter Challenge (three days)
Worcestershire v West Indians, Worcester

Benson and Hedges Cup
Derbyshire v Yorkshire, Chesterfield.
Glamorgan v Gloucestershire, Swansea.
Hampshire v Essex, Southampton
Ireland v Somerset, Eglinton.
Lancashire v Durham, Old Trafford
Middlesex v Combined Universities, Lord's.
Northamptonshire v Scotland, Northampton.
Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire, Trent Bridge
Sussex v Kent, Hove.
Warwickshire v Minor Counties, Edgbaston.

May 18: Britannic Assurance Championship
Durham v Warwickshire, Chester-le-Street.
Hampshire v Kent, Southampton
Leicestershire v Derbyshire, Leicester
Middlesex v Lancashire, Lord's
Northamptonshire v Surrey, Northampton
Sussex v Essex, Hove.
Yorkshire v Glamorgan, Bradford

University match (three days)
Oxford University v Nottinghamshire, The Parks.

May 19: Tetley Bitter Challenge (three days)
*Somerset v West Indians, Taunton.
Kent v Gloucestershire, Canterbury
Lancashire v Glamorgan, Old Trafford.
Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire, Trent Bridge.
Surrey v Somerset, The Oval
Warwickshire v Sussex, Edgbaston.

June 9: University match (three days)
*Cambridge University v Middlesex, Fenner's.

June 11: AXA Equity & Law League
Derbyshire v Northamptonshire, Derby
Essex v Durham, Chelmsford.
Hampshire v Leicestershire, Basingstoke.
Kent v Gloucestershire, Canterbury.
Lancashire v Glamorgan, Old Trafford.
Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire, Trent Bridge.
Surrey v Somerset, The Oval
Warwickshire v Sussex, Edgbaston.

June 13: Benson and Hedges Cup
Semi-finals.

June 15: Britannic Assurance Championship
Derbyshire v Somerset, Derby
Glamorgan v Middlesex, Colwyn Bay.
Gloucestershire v Hampshire, Bristol.
Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire, Leicester.
Northamptonshire v Essex, Luton.
Sussex v Surrey, Horsham.
Worcestershire v Lancashire, Worcester.
Yorkshire v Kent, Headingley.

Tour match (one day)
Scotland v West Indians, Edinburgh.

June 16: University match (three days)
*Cambridge University v Warwickshire, Fenner's.

June 17: Tetley Bitter Challenge (three days)
*Durham v West Indians, Chester-le-Street.

June 18: AXA Equity & Law League
Derbyshire v Somerset, Derby
Glamorgan v Middlesex, Colwyn Bay.
Gloucestershire v Hampshire, Bristol.
Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire, Leicester.
Northamptonshire v Essex, Luton.
Sussex v Surrey, Horsham.
Worcestershire v Lancashire, Worcester.
Yorkshire v Kent, Headingley.

June 20: University matches (three days)
Oxford University v Middlesex, The Parks.

June 22: Second Cornhill Test Match
*England v West Indies, Lord's.

Britannic Assurance Championship
Durham v Derbyshire, Chester-le-Street.
Hampshire v Worcestershire, Southampton
Lancashire v Essex, Old Trafford.
Northamptonshire v Leicestershire, Northampton.
Nottinghamshire v Kent, Trent Bridge.
Somerset v Sussex, Bath.
Surrey v Glamorgan, The Oval.
Warwickshire v Yorkshire, Edgbaston.

June 23: University match (three days)
*Gloucestershire v Oxford University, Bristol.

June 25: AXA Equity & Law League
Durham v Derbyshire, Chester-le-Street.
Hampshire v Worcestershire, Southampton.
Lancashire v Essex, Old Trafford
Northamptonshire v Leicestershire, Northampton.
Nottinghamshire v Kent, Trent Bridge.
Somerset v Sussex, Bath.
Surrey v Glamorgan, The Oval.
Warwickshire v Yorkshire, Edgbaston.

June 27: NatWest Trophy, first round
Cambridgeshire v Derbyshire, March.
Cheshire v Essex, Chester (Boughton Hall).
Cornwall v Middlesex, St Austell.
Durham v Herefordshire, Chester-le-Street.
Glamorgan v Dorset, Cardiff.
Gloucestershire v Suffolk, Bristol
Lancashire v Norfolk, Old Trafford.
Leicestershire v Hampshire, Leicester.
Northamptonshire v Holland, Northampton.
Nottinghamshire v Scotland, Trent Bridge.
Staffordshire v Kent, Stone.
Surrey v Berkshire, The Oval.
Sussex v Devon, Hove.
Warwickshire v Somerset, Edgbaston.
Worcestershire v Cumberland, Worcester.
Yorkshire v Ireland, Headingley.

Other match (one day)
Eton v Harrow, Lord's

June 28: Tour match (three days)
Combined Universities v West Indians, The Parks.

June 29: Britannic Assurance Championship
Derbyshire v Hampshire, Derby
Essex v Warwickshire, Ilford
Glamorgan v Durham, Swansea
Middlesex v Surrey, Lord's.
Nottinghamshire v Somerset, Trent Bridge.
Worcestershire v Leicestershire, Worcester.
Yorkshire v Gloucestershire, Middlesbrough

July 1: Tetley Bitter Challenge (three days)
*Sussex v West Indians, Hove

University match (three days)
*Kent v Cambridge University, Folkestone.

Under-19 match (one day)
England v South Africa, Canterbury.

July 2: AXA Equity & Law League
Derbyshire v Hampshire, Derby.
Essex v Warwickshire, Ilford.
Glamorgan v Durham, Swansea.
Middlesex v Surrey, Lord's.
Nottinghamshire v Somerset, Trent Bridge
Worcestershire v Leicestershire, Worcester.
Yorkshire v Gloucestershire, Middlesbrough.

July 3: Tour match (one day)
England Amateur XI v Australia A, Trowbridge.

July 4: Under-19 match (one day)
England v South Africa, Chelmsford.

July 5: Britannic Assurance Championship
Kent v Derbyshire, Maidstone.

Tour match (three days)
Somerset v Australia A, Taunton.

University match (three days)
Oxford v Cambridge, Lord's.

July 6: Third Cornhill Test match
England v West Indies, Edgbaston

Britannic Assurance Championship
Durham v Worcestershire, Darlington.
Gloucestershire v Middlesex, Bristol
Hampshire v Yorkshire, Southampton
Lancashire v Northamptonshire, Old Trafford.
Leicestershire v Warwickshire, Leicester.
Surrey v Essex, The Oval
Sussex v Nottinghamshire, Arundel.

July 8: Tour match (three days)
*Glamorgan v Australia A, Neath.

July 9: AXA Equity & Law League
Durham v Worcestershire, Darlington.
Gloucestershire v Middlesex, Bristol.
Hampshire v Yorkshire, Southampton
Kent v Derbyshire, Maidstone.
Lancashire v Northamptonshire, Old Trafford.
Leicestershire v Warwickshire, Leicester
Surrey v Essex, The Oval
Sussex v Nottinghamshire, Arundel

July 12: NatWest Trophy, second round
Cheshire or Essex v Yorkshire or Ireland, Chester (Boughton Hall) or Chelmsford.
Durham or Herefordshire v Gloucestershire or Suffolk, Chester-le-Street or Brockhampton.
Lancashire or Norfolk v Worcestershire or Cumberland, Old Trafford or Lakenham.
Leicestershire or Hampshire v Glamorgan or Dorset, Leicester or Southampton.
Nottinghamshire or Scotland v Northampton shire or Holland, Trent Bridge or Forfar (Strathmore CC).
Surrey or Berkshire v Cornwall or Middlesex, The Oval or Finchampstead.
Sussex or Devon v Cambridgeshire or Derbyshire, Hove or Torquay.
Warwickshire or Somerset v Staffordshire or Kent, Edgbaston or Taunton.

Tour match (one day)
Minor Counties v Australia A, Reading.

July 13: Tour match (one day)
Minor Counties v West Indians, Reading.

July 15: Benson and Hedges Cup
Final, Lord's.

Tour match (one day)
Ireland v West Indians, Dublin (Castle Avenue).

July 16: AXA Equity & Law League
Derbyshire v Sussex, Derby.
Durham v Hampshire, Chester-le-Street.
Essex v Leicestershire, Chelmsford.
Kent v Northamptonshire, Canterbury
Somerset v Glamorgan, Taunton.
Surrey v Gloucestershire, The Oval.
Warwickshire v Middlesex, Edgbaston.

July 18: Tour match (one day)
Yorkshire v Australia A, Headingley.

Other match (one day)
MCC v MCC Schools, Lord's.

July 19: Tetley Bitter Challenge (three days)
Kent v West Indians, Canterbury.

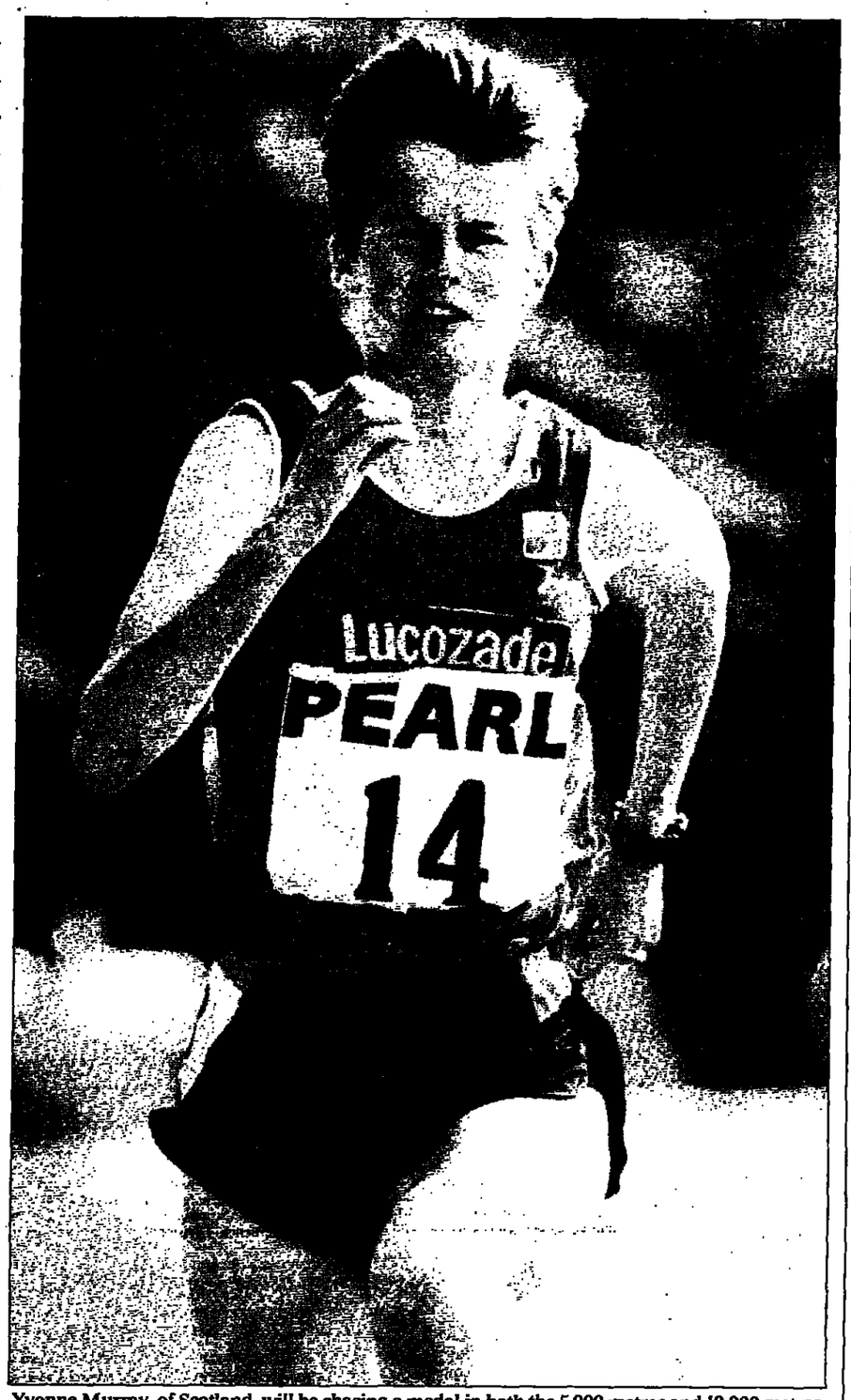
Tour match (three days)
Derbyshire v Australia A, Chesterfield.

Other match (one day)
MCC Schools v NAYC, Lord's.

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World's best get set for Gothenburg

David Powell, athletics correspondent, says we should enjoy the next world championships



Yvonne Murray, of Scotland, will be chasing a medal in both the 5,000 metres and 10,000 metres at the world athletics championships, to be held in Sweden in August. Photograph: Marc Aspland

The fifth world athletics championships, to be held in Gothenburg from August 4 to 13, should present another marvellous showcase for the sport. But enjoy the excitement while you can, for the sixth world championships will be a farce.

The Ullevi stadium, inaugurated during the football World Cup of 1958, is being upgraded for the occasion. A rebuilt stand, with seating for 9,000 spectators, is at the centre of an improvement programme that also includes a recently-laid track.

Will Linford Christie, at 35, retain his 100 metres world title? Can Sergey Bubka, in the pole vault, become the first athlete to win a fifth successive world championship? Already the Ukrainian is the first to win four. Were the Chinese women one-season wonders? They have done nothing this year to embellish their successes of 1993.

These are just three of the questions to be answered in the fifth world championships. Of the sixth world championships, just one question is asked repetitively. Why has Mexico City been chosen as the venue?

When the Olympic Games were held there in 1968, the thin air of high altitude assisted a succession of sprint world records so fast that it was years before they were beaten. At an altitude of 7,300 feet, the Africans thrived at the distance races, from 1,500 metres upwards, while the best white athletes of the day, notably Ron Clarke, gasped for oxygen.

In 1997, Mexico City will be even less hospitable for athletics than it was in 1968. It is one of the unhealthiest cities on earth, with high pollution levels and poor sanitation. To convince the best distance runners at sea-level to compete, it may take more than the Mercedes cars which the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) passed on to winners at the last world championships, in Stuttgart in 1993, or the prospect of prizes for the first three finishers in each event, which is likely in Gothenburg.

Given the huge income which the world championships generate for the IAAF, many leading athletes believe that there should be participation money. It will not be forthcoming in Gothenburg, nor will there be anything for merely making a final. How the athletes must envy the tennis players at Wimbledon where even first-round losers are paid.

"They are analysing the possibilities because they want to have something for second and third," an IAAF spokesperson said this week on the issue of the world governing body's plans for prizes in Gothenburg. "They are talking about possibly having smaller cars."

At the Stuttgart world championships, British athletes achieved ten medal places but only three received winners' cars: Christie, Sally Gunnell, for her victory in the 400 metres hurdles, and Colin Jackson, for his triumph in the 110 metres hurdles. Tony Jarrett was second to Jackson, John Regis finished runner-up in the 200 metres, and the Great Britain men's sprint relay team took silver medals; bronzes went to Mick Hill (javelin), Steve Smith (high jump), Jonathan Edwards (triple jump) and the women's 4 x 400 metres relay team.

All of these athletes will entertain hopes of making the podium again, as will Du'aine Ladejo and Roger Black (400 metres), Steve Backley (javelin), Kelly Holmes (800 or 1,500 metres) and Yvonne Murray (5,000 or 10,000 metres). With the likes of Michael Johnson, who will be chasing a 200 and 400 metres double, Mike Conley, Dan O'Brien and Jackie Joyner-Kersee in their ranks — provided they survive the ruthless sudden-death national trials — the United States is certain to dominate in Gothenburg. In Stuttgart, its athletes won 13 golds, with China next on four.

For something new, there is the women's 5,000 metres. The intermediate distance for women between 1,500 and 10,000 metres has been moved up from 3,000 metres to correspond with the men's.

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CRICKET

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July 20: Britannic Assurance Championship
Essex v Somerset, Southend.
Glamorgan v Warwickshire, Cardiff.
Gloucestershire v Lancashire, Cheltenham.
Northamptonshire v Hampshire, Northampton.
Surrey v Nottinghamshire, Guildford.
Sussex v Leicestershire, Hove.
Yorkshire v Durham, Harrogate.

Under-19 match (four days)
England v South Africa, Taunton (provisional).

Other match (one day)
NCA YC v Combined Services, Lord's.

July 22: Tetley Bitter Challenge (three days)
*Middlesex v West Indians, Lord's.

Tour match (three days)
*Worcestershire v Australia A, Worcester.

July 23: AXA Equity & Law League
Essex v Somerset, Southend.
Glamorgan v Warwickshire, Cardiff.
Gloucestershire v Lancashire, Cheltenham.
Northamptonshire v Hampshire, Northampton.
Surrey v Nottinghamshire, Guildford.
Sussex v Leicestershire, Hove.
Yorkshire v Durham, Headingley.

July 26: Tour match (one day)
Gloucestershire v Australia A, Cheltenham.

July 27: Fourth Cornhill Test match
*England v West Indies, Old Trafford

Britannic Assurance Championship
Derbyshire v Glamorgan, Derby.
Gloucestershire v Essex, Cheltenham.
Leicestershire v Surrey, Leicester.
Middlesex v Sussex, Lord's.
Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire, Trent Bridge.
Somerset v Lancashire, Taunton.
Warwickshire v Northamptonshire, Edgbaston.
Worcestershire v Kent, Worcester.

July 28: Tour match (four days)
*Hampshire v Australia A, Southampton

July 30: AXA Equity & Law League
Derbyshire v Glamorgan, Derby
Gloucestershire v Essex, Cheltenham.
Leicestershire v Surrey, Leicester.
Middlesex v Sussex, Lord's.
Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire, Trent Bridge.
Somerset v Lancashire, Taunton.
Warwickshire v Northamptonshire, Edgbaston.
Worcestershire v Kent, Worcester.

Aug 1: NatWest Trophy
Quarter-finals

Aug 3: Britannic Assurance Championship
Essex v Hampshire, Colchester.
Kent v Surrey, Canterbury.
Lancashire v Sussex, Lytham.
Middlesex v Nottinghamshire, Lord's
Northamptonshire v Durham, Northampton.
Yorkshire v Worcestershire, Scarborough

Tour match (four days)
*Leicestershire v Australia A, Leicester

Under-19 match (four days)
England v South Africa, Worcester.

Aug 5: Tetley Bitter Challenge (three days)
*Gloucestershire v West Indians, Bristol.

Aug 6: AXA Equity & Law League
Essex v Hampshire, Colchester
Kent v Surrey, Canterbury
Lancashire v Sussex, Old Trafford.
Middlesex v Nottinghamshire, Lord's
Northamptonshire v Durham, Northampton.
Yorkshire v Worcestershire, Scarborough.

Aug 8: Tour match (one day)
Surrey v Australia A, The Oval.

Aug 9: Other match (two days)
MCC v Wales, Lord's

Aug 10: Fifth Cornhill Test match
*England v West Indies, Trent Bridge

Britannic Assurance Championship
Durham v Middlesex, Chester-le-Street.
Glamorgan v Essex, Swansea.
Hampshire v Warwickshire, Southampton.
Leicestershire v Lancashire, Leicester.
Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire, Northampton
Somerset v Kent, Taunton
Surrey v Yorkshire, The Oval.
Worcestershire v Derbyshire, Kidderminster

Under-19 match (four days)
*England v South Africa, Headingley.

Aug 11: Tour match (four days)
*Sussex v Australia A, Hove

Aug 12: International match (three days)
*Ireland v Scotland, Dublin (Rathmines).

Aug 13: AXA Equity & Law League
Durham v Middlesex, Chester-le-Street.
Glamorgan v Essex, Pontypridd.
Hampshire v Warwickshire, Southampton
Leicestershire v Lancashire, Leicester
Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire, Northampton.
Somerset v Kent, Taunton.
Surrey v Yorkshire, The Oval
Worcestershire v Derbyshire, Worcester.

Aug 15: NatWest Trophy
Semi-finals

Aug 17: Britannic Assurance Championship
Durham v Somerset, Chester-le-Street.
Gloucestershire v Derbyshire, Bristol.
Lancashire v Yorkshire, Old Trafford.
Middlesex v Kent, Lord's.
Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire, Trent Bridge.
Sussex v Worcestershire, Eastbourne

Tour match (four days)
*TCCB XI v Australia A, Edgbaston

Aug 19: Tetley Bitter Challenge (three days)
*Essex v West Indians, Chelmsford.

Aug 20: AXA Equity & Law League
Durham v Somerset, Chester-le-Street.
Gloucestershire v Derbyshire, Bristol.
Lancashire v Yorkshire, Old Trafford.
Middlesex v Kent, Lord's.
Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire, Trent Bridge.
Sussex v Worcestershire, Eastbourne.

Aug 23: Britannic Assurance Championship
Glamorgan v Gloucestershire, Abergavenny.

Other match (one day)
MCC Trophy (Minor Counties knockout) final, Lord's.

Aug 24: Sixth Cornhill Test match
*England v West Indies, The Oval.

Britannic Assurance Championship
Derbyshire v Surrey, Derby
Durham v Sussex, Hartlepool.
Hampshire v Lancashire, Portsmouth
Kent v Essex, Canterbury.
Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire, Northampton.
Somerset v Leicestershire, Weston-super-Mare.
Warwickshire v Worcestershire, Edgbaston.
Yorkshire v Middlesex, Headingley.

Aug 25: Other match
Abbot Ale club championship final, Lord's.

Aug 27: AXA Equity & Law League
Derbyshire v Surrey, Derby
Durham v Sussex, Hartlepool.
Glamorgan v Gloucestershire, Ebbw Vale.
Hampshire v Lancashire, Portsmouth.
Kent v Essex, Canterbury.
Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire, Northampton.
Somerset v Leicestershire, Weston-super-Mare.
Worcestershire v Warwickshire, Worcester.
Yorkshire v Middlesex, Headingley.

Other match
Alliance & Leicester Giro Village championship final, Lord's.

Aug 29: Britannic Assurance Championship
Essex v Derbyshire, Chelmsford.
Leicestershire v Glamorgan, Leicester.
Middlesex v Northamptonshire, Uxbridge.
Nottinghamshire v Hampshire, Trent Bridge.
Surrey v Lancashire, The Oval.
Warwickshire v Gloucestershire, Edgbaston.
Worcestershire v Somerset, Worcester.

Aug 30: Tour match (three days)
Yorkshire v West Indians, Scarborough.

Sept 2: NatWest Trophy
Final, Lord's.

Other match (one day)
Yorkshire v Durham, Scarborough.

Sept 3: AXA Equity & Law League
Essex v Derbyshire, Chelmsford.
Leicestershire v Glamorgan, Leicester
Middlesex v Northamptonshire, Uxbridge.
Nottinghamshire v Hampshire, Trent Bridge.
Surrey v Lancashire, The Oval.
Warwickshire v Gloucestershire, Edgbaston
Worcestershire v Somerset, Worcester

Festival match (one day)
President's XI v West Indians, Scarborough.

Sept 5: Other match
MCC v Minor Counties CA (centenary match), Lord's.

Sept 6: Other match (three days)
Surrey v New South Wales, The Oval.

Sept 7: Britannic Assurance Championship
Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire, Cardiff.
Gloucestershire v Durham, Bristol.
Hampshire v Somerset, Southampton.
Lancashire v Kent, Old Trafford.
Middlesex v Leicestershire, Uxbridge.
Northamptonshire v Worcestershire, Northampton.
Warwickshire v Derbyshire, Edgbaston.
Yorkshire v Sussex, Scarborough.

Sept 10: AXA Equity & Law League
Glamorgan v Nottinghamshire, Cardiff.
Gloucestershire v Durham, Bristol.
Hampshire v Somerset, Southampton.
Lancashire v Kent, Old Trafford.
Middlesex v Leicestershire, Uxbridge.
Northamptonshire v Worcestershire, Northampton.
Warwickshire v Derbyshire, Edgbaston.
Yorkshire v Sussex, Scarborough.

Other match (one day)
Surrey v New South Wales, The Oval.

Sept 14: Britannic Assurance Championship
Derbyshire v Lancashire, Derby.
Durham v Nottinghamshire, Chester-le-Street.
Essex v Yorkshire, Chelmsford.
Kent v Warwickshire, Canterbury.
Leicestershire v Gloucestershire, Leicester.
Somerset v Middlesex, Taunton.
Surrey v Hampshire, The Oval.
Sussex v Northamptonshire, Hove.
Worcestershire v Glamorgan, Worcester.

Sept 17: AXA Equity & Law League
Derbyshire v Lancashire, Derby.
Durham v Nottinghamshire, Chester-le-Street.
Essex v Yorkshire, Chelmsford.
Kent v Warwickshire, Canterbury.
Leicestershire v Gloucestershire, Leicester.
Somerset v Middlesex, Taunton.
Surrey v Hampshire, The Oval.
Sussex v Northamptonshire, Hove.
Worcestershire v Glamorgan, Worcester.

** match includes Sunday play*

Overseas

Oct 24: Nicky Oppenheimer XI v England XI, Randjesfontein
Oct 25: Eastern Transvaal v England XI, day/night, Springs.
Oct 27-30: South Africa Invitation XI v England XI, Soweto.
Nov 2-5: Border v England XI, East London.
Nov 9-12: South Africa A v England XI, Kimberley.
Nov 16-20: South Africa v England, first Test match, Pretoria.
Nov 23-26: Orange Free State v England XI, Bloemfontein.
Nov 30-Dec 4: South Africa v England, second Test match, Johannesburg.
Dec 7-10: Boland v England XI, Paarl.
Dec 14-18: South Africa v England, third Test match, Durban.
Dec 20-22: Combined SA Universities v England XI, Chatsworth, Durban.
Dec 26-30: South Africa v England, fourth Test match, Port Elizabeth.

CROQUET

June 10-18: World championships, France.
June 12-18: Men's and women's championships, Cheltenham.
June 27-30: Inter-counties tournaments, Eastbourne and Brighton.
July 9-16: Open championships, Hurlingham.
Sept 15-17: European Open, Carrickmines.
Sept 23-24: All England handicap finals, Colchester.

CYCLING

Jan 6: National cyclo-cross championships.
Jan 28-29: World cyclo-cross championships, Switzerland.
Feb 11-12: International track meeting, Manchester
Mar 5-12: Paris-Nice race.
Mar 18: March Hare race, Eastway, London; Milan-San Remo race (World Cup).
Mar 19: Grand Prix of Essex.
Apr 2: Tour of Flanders (World Cup).
Apr 9: Archer Grand Prix, Beaconsfield; Paris-Roubaex race (World Cup)
Apr 12: Flèche Wallonne.
Apr 14: Good Friday international track meeting.
Apr 15-17: Girvan 3 day
Apr 16: Liège-Bastogne-Liège race (World Cup)
Apr 22: Amstel Gold race (World Cup).
Apr 23: Welwyn Hatfield Grand Prix.
Apr 30: Cheshire classic (Women's series); Tour of the Marshes.
May 5-8: Tour of Lancashire.
May 7: RTTC 10 miles.
May 12-15: National cycling festival, Mineshead.
May 13-June 4: Tour of Italy.
May 14: Lincoln Grand Prix.
May 20: RTTC time trial series.
May 27: RTTC time trial series.
May 28: Ulveston classic (Women's series).
June 4: Division road race championships; National 25 miles championship; Summer Gold track meeting, Leicester.
June 10-18: National bike week.
June 11: RTTC women's 25 miles.
June 17: RTTC time trial series.
June 17-18: East of Scotland track meeting, Meadowbank.
June 18-25: Isle of Man week.
June 24-25: National junior sprint and pursuit; national tandem championships; Sprinters' league; National 20km, Leicester.
June 25: National professional RR; RTTC 50.
July 1-23: Tour de France.
July 1: National motor pace championships, Herne Hill.
July 2: Grand Prix of Wales, Abergavenny; RTTC women's 50.
July 8: RTTC women's 10; RTTC time trial series.
July 9: RTTC 100km team time trial.
July 11-14: European youth Olympics, Bath.
July 16: National amateur RR championships; National junior RR championships; National women RR.
July 22-29: National track championships, Manchester.
July 23: Tour of the Cotswolds; RTTC 100; RTTC women's 100.
July 23-30: Junior world championships, San Marino.
July 30: RTTC time trial series.
July 31-Aug 4: Professional tour of Britain (provisional)
Aug 4-6: BMBF national championships.
Aug 5: Leeds international classic (World Cup).
Aug 12: RTTC time trial series; San Sebastian Classic (World Cup)
Aug 12-13: City of Cardiff track meeting.
Aug 13: Butler cycles Grand Prix, Portsmouth; National amateur criterium championships, Bury St Edmunds.
Aug 16-20: South-east stage race (provisional).
Aug 19-20: SCU festival track meeting, Meadowbank.
Aug 20: Championship of Zurich (World Cup).
Aug 25-27: *World cup track meeting*, Manchester.
Aug 26: RTTC time trial series; European road championships/Trutnov, Czech Republic.
Sept 2: Autumn Gold, Leicester.
Sept 2-24: Tour of Spain.
Sept 3: Grundig/UCI mountain bike event, Plymouth; Welsh Open RR.
Sept 9: RTTC time trial series.
Sept 10: RTTC junior 10.
Sept 16: RTTC time trial series.
Sept 17: Tour of the Peak, Buxton.
Sept 17-24: World mountain bike championships, Kirchzarten, Germany.
Sept 26-Oct 8: Senior world championships, Colombia.
Oct 14-15: International track meeting, Manchester.
Oct 15: Paris-Tours race (World Cup).
Oct 21: Tour of Lombardy (World Cup).

DISABLED SPORT

Feb 10-12: Air Rifle national championship, Wolverhampton.
Feb 17-19: Air Pistol national championship, Wolverhampton.
Feb 18-19: Junior swimming championships, Darlington.
Feb 23-26: Invitational international Alpine, cross-country and skiing, Sollefta, Sweden.
Mar 13-19: 13th world winter games for the deaf, Kolari, Finland.
Mar 18-26: 8th European table tennis championships, Tel Aviv.
Apr 8-9: Long course swimming, Ponds Forge, Sheffield.
Apr 10-17: 6th European handball championships, Reykjavik.
May 5-7: National championship bowls, Scarborough.
May 24-June 4: European swimming championships, Perpignan, France, tbc.
June 8: European football championships, Berlin.
June 7-12: European championships powerlifting, Strasbourg.
June 17-18: National short course swimming championships, Darlington.
June 24-July 1: European wheelchair basketball championships, Paris.
June 26-July 2: 4th European athletic championships, Lausanne.
July 7-8: Athletics test event, Atlanta, US.
July 8-9: National junior athletics championships, Stanley Park, Blackpool.
July 17-24: European archery championships, Les Ulis, France.
July 29-Aug 7: European shooting championships, Finland.
July 31-Aug 7: European cycling championships, Altenstadt, Germany.
Aug 4-6: National archery championships, Rugby.
Aug 12-13: National table tennis championships, Reading.
Aug 12-20: European football championships, Nottingham.
Aug 17-20: Swimming test event, Atlanta, US.
Sept 2-3: National senior athletics championships, Hull.
Sept 19-26: 6th European shooting championships, Bolzano, Italy.
Oct 14-18: European table tennis championships, Hilleroud, Denmark.
Nov 26-27: National junior basketball championships, Aylesbury.

EQUESTRIANISM

Mar 23-26: Toggi national championships, Stoneleigh.
Apr 21-23: Horse driving trials, Thoresby Park, Nottingham.
Apr 25-29: International nations cup, Rome.
May 4-7: International nations cup, Lucerne; Mitsubishi Motors Badminton horse trials, Avon.
May 5-7: Horse driving trials, Brighton, Stanmer Park.
May 10-14: Royal Windsor horse show, Windsor Park.
May 25-28: Brittany Ferries Windsor horse trials, Berkshire.
May 26-28: Horse driving trials, St Fort, Newport on Tay, Fife.
June 1-4: Hickstead nations cup meeting, Sussex; International nations cup, Warsaw, Poland.
June 8-11: Toyota Bramham three-day event, West Yorkshire.
June 8-11: Horse driving trials, Castle Howard, tbc
June 16-18: International nations cup, Helsinki; Macallan Burgle three-day event; Horse driving trials, Talton Park, Cheshire.
June 27-July 2: International nations cup, Aachen, Germany.
June 29-July 2: International nations cup, Drammen, Norway.
June 30-July 2: Horse driving trials, Sandringham.
July 3-8: Royal Show, Stoneleigh, Warwickshire.
July 4-8: International nations cup, Falsterbo, Sweden.
July 7-9: Horse driving trials, Drumlanrig Castle, Dumfries.
July 8-9: Horse driving trials, Normanhurst, East Sussex.
July 13-16: Royal International horse show, Hickstead, Sussex.
July 14-16: Horse driving trials, Streatlam Park, Barnard Castle.
July 15-18: International nations cup, Luxembourg.
July 20-23: International nations cup, La Baule, France.
July 28-30: Horse driving trials, Exmoor, Somerset, tbc.
Aug 4-6: Calor Gas Gatcombe Park horse trials, Gloucestershire; Horse driving trials, Lowther, Cumbria.
Aug 8-12: International nations cup, Dublin.
Aug 10-13: International nations cup, Bratislava.
Aug 16-20: International nations cup, Rotterdam.
Aug 17-20: Silk Cut Hickstead Derby.
Aug 18-20: Horse driving trials, Godmersham Park, Kent; Horse driving trials, Seacliff, East Lothian.
Aug 19-20: Scottish championships, Thirlestane Castle, Berwickshire.
Aug 23-27: International nations cup, Gijon, Spain.
Aug 24-26: Domo Furniture Blair Castle three-day event, Perthshire.
Aug 25-27: Horse driving trials, Somerford, Cheshire, tbc.
Aug 31-Sept 3: Burghley horse trials, Lincolnshire.
Sept 6-10: International nations cup, Spruce Meadows, Canada.
Sept 8-10: Horse driving trials, national championships, Windsor.
Sept 14-17: International nations cup, San Marino; International nations cup, Prague; Blenheim three-day event.
Sept 20-24: European showjumping championships, St Gallen, Switzerland.
Sept 21-24: Osberton horse trials, Nottinghamshire.
Sept 22-25: Glasgow international masters.
Sept 26-Oct 1: Horse of the Year Show, Wembley
Sept 28-Oct 1: Tweseldown three-day event, Hampshire.
Oct 22-29: International nations cup, Washington, US
Oct 31-Nov 5: International nations cup, New York.
Nov 7-18: International nations cup, Toronto.
Dec 14-18: Olympia horse show, London.

FENCING

Jan 1: British cadet championships.
Jan 14: Scottish Open.
Jan 21: Northern Ireland Open.
Jan 28: British épée championships; Corbie Cup.
Feb 18: Cole Cup.
Mar 4: London Men's épée A-grade.
Mar 11: National veterans' championship, Leicester.
Mar 18-19: British sabre championships.
Apr 15: Birmingham International.
Apr 22: Ipswich cup women's épée A-grade.
Apr 29: Four nations/home International.
May 6: British foil championships.
May 20: Miller-Hallett men's open épée championship.
May 27: York Open.
June 3: Inverclyde Open.
July 10-16: World championships, The Hague.
Sept 2-3: Essex Open.
Sept 16-17: Bristol Open.
Sept 23-24: Highland Open.
Oct 14-15: Tyneside Open.
Nov 11-12: Welsh Open.
Nov 18: Eden Cup.
Nov 19: Leon Paul International.

GRAHAM MOBBS



The wicket of Lara, whose record Test score of 375 came against England, will be prized when the West Indians tour this summer

Lara looking for further milestones

Simon Wilde expects the West Indians to feel at home in England during the cricket season

It has been calculated that during their tour of Australia this winter, England's cricketers will travel the equivalent of once round the world. That is quite apart from their journeys from and to Britain. It is one reason why they will probably not regain the Ashes.

When West Indies tour England next summer, they are unlikely to see the inside of an airport from the day they arrive in early May to the day they depart in early September. The longest journey they will make in their air-conditioned coach will be the 275 miles they travel in June from Chester-le-Street to London for the showpiece of the tour, the Lord's Test match. It is one reason why England will probably not regain the Wisden Trophy, which they last held in 1969.

English cricket is in such a parlous state that even if Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, was co-opted onto the England selection panel and asked to ensure every journey the West Indians make is a living hell — a task that would not be beyond him — it would not be enough.

It might be satisfying to see the world's most infallible cricket team take four hours to get from Arundel (where their tour opens on May 13) to Southampton (where they play their first county match the next day), five hours from Worcester to Taunton, or six hours from the Oval to Lord's, but England are too weak, and West Indies too strong, for it to make much difference. It would prove only that West Indies could, indeed, beat England in their sleep.

For years, English cricket has been too accommodating to international opposition — and not only in being located in such an obligingly small land. Counties have long fallen over each other to sign the most promising foreign players, without a thought for the vital help this was giving to the cricketing educations of these players. There are shakers and movers within the English game who want an end to this practice, but any action will be too late to affect the 1995 West Indians. Thirteen of the 18 overseas players on the county circuit in 1994 were from the Caribbean and it is likely that at least 12 of them will be touring next year.

Nor have the marketing men of the Test and County Cricket Board done the England team any favours. Their desire to see six Test matches next summer — the first time West Indies have been asked to play so many here — may swell gate receipts, but history shows that the longer the series, the more successful West Indies tend to be.

The presence of Brian Lara alone should guarantee that the Test matches and three one-day internationals that precede them are sold out in advance. Considering that he scored 798 runs in five Tests against the same opposition in the Caribbean earlier this year, Lara might reasonably set himself a six-match target of 1,000, with perhaps a stab at improving on his record 375 in passing. It is England's curse, of course, that other countries' cricketers raise their game when they visit these shores. They all want to beat their old imperial masters at home. West Indies recently toured India without their captain, Richardson, who was resting, Ambrose, their key bowler, who was injured, and Haynes, their veteran opening batsman, who took up an offer to play in South Africa. As a result, India almost beat them. No such chance will be afforded their hosts next summer.

You have to pinch yourself to remember that the last time West Indies toured, in 1991, England came away with a 2-2 draw, but their victory at the Oval owed something, at least, to Vivian Richards's side knowing they could no longer lose the series.

After England were beaten by Zimbabwe in a one-day match in Sydney earlier this month, Sporting Index, the bookmakers, quoted odds of 16-1 on them winning the series with West Indies. Everything is so obviously against them, they are probably worth a fiver.

Jan 7: FA Cup third round.
Jan 11: Coca-Cola Cup fifth round.
Jan 14: FA Vase fourth round.
Jan 21: FA Trophy first round.
Jan 28: FA Cup fourth round.
Feb 4: FA Vase fifth round.
Feb 11: FA Trophy second round.
Feb 12: Coca-Cola Cup semi-finals, first leg.
Feb 15: Ireland v England, Dublin.
Feb 18: FA Cup fifth round.
Feb 22: Coca-Cola Cup semi-finals, second leg.
Feb 25: FA Vase sixth round.
Mar 1: Europe competitions quarter-finals, first leg.
Mar 4: FA Trophy third round.
Mar 11: FA Cup sixth round; England Schools v Brazil Schools, Wembley.
Mar 15: Europe competitions quarter-finals, second leg.
Mar 18: FA Vase semi-finals, first leg.
Mar 25: FA Trophy fourth round; FA Vase semi-finals, second leg.
Mar 29: England v Uruguay, Wembley; European championship qualifiers: group six, Ireland v Northern Ireland; group seven, Bulgaria v Wales; group eight, Russia v Scotland.
Apr 2: Coca-Cola Cup final.
Apr 5: Europe competitions semi-finals, first leg.
Apr 8: FA Trophy semi-finals, first leg.
Apr 9: FA Cup semi-finals.
Apr 16: FA Trophy semi-finals, second leg.
Apr 19: Europe competitions semi-finals, second leg.
Apr 26: European championship qualifiers: group six, Ireland v Portugal, Latvia v Northern Ireland; group seven, Germany v Wales; group eight, San Marino v Scotland.
Apr 30: FA Women's Cup final (provisional).
May 3: Uefa Cup final, first leg.
May 6: FA Youth Cup finial.
May 7: FA Sunday Cup final.
May 10: European Cup Winners' Cup final.
May 13: FA Vase final, Wembley.
May 14: FA Trophy final, Wembley.
May 17: Uefa Cup final, second leg.
May 20: FA Cup final, Wembley.
May 24: European final.
May 27: Endsleigh League play-off (third division).
May 28: Endsleigh League play-off (second division).
May 29: Endsleigh League play-off (first division).
June 3-11: International challenge tournament (England, Brazil, Japan and Sweden, dates provisional).
June 3: European championship qualifiers: group six, Liechenstein v Ireland.
June 6: England Under-21 v Latvia Under-21.
June 7: European championship qualifiers: group six, Northern Ireland v Latvia; group seven, Wales v Georgia; group eight, Faeroe Islands v Scotland.
June 10: England Schools v Germany Schools, Wembley.
June 11: European championship qualifiers: group six, Ireland v Austria; group seven.
Aug 5: Scottish League programme begins (provisional).
Aug 12: Endsleigh Insurance League programme begins.
Aug 13: FA Charity Shield, Wembley.
Aug 16: European championship qualifiers: group eight, Scotland v Greece.
Aug 19: FA Carling Premiership programme begins.
Sept 3: European championship qualifiers: group six, Portugal v Northern Ireland.
Sept 6: European championship qualifiers: group six, Austria v Ireland; group seven, Wales v Moldavia; group eight, Scotland v Finland.
Oct 11: Norway v England, Oslo; European championship qualifiers: group six, Ireland v Latvia, Liechtenstein v Northern Ireland; group seven, Wales v Germany.
Nov 15: England v Switzerland, Wembley; European championship qualifiers: group six, Portugal v Ireland, Northern Ireland v Austria; group seven, Albania v Wales; group eight, Scotland v San Marino.

Jan 7-21: World championships, Omarama, New Zealand.
May 14-27: British overseas nationals, Leszno, Poland.
May 27-June 4: Eastern regional, Tibenham, Norfolk.
June 3-11: Scottish regional, Aboyne, Royal Deeside.
June 10-18: Standard class British nationals, Nympsfield, Gloucestershire.
July 1-8: Competition enterprise, Sutton Bank, Yorkshire.
July 15-Aug 5: European junior championships, Leszno.
July 22-30: Midland regional, Coventry GC, Husbands Bosworth; Booker GC regional, High Wycombe.
July 29-Aug 6: Northern regional, Sutton Bank.
July 30-Aug 13: Women's European championships, Marpingen, Germany.
Aug 5-13: Open class British nationals, Lasham, Hampshire; Regional, Lasham.
Aug 15-24: Inter-services regional, RAF (GSA), Syerston.
Aug 19-27: Regional, London GC, Dunstable; British juniors nationals, Bidford, Warwickshire.
Aug 19-28: Regional, Cambridge University GC, Gransden.

Men

Jan 6-13: Apollo training week, San Roque, Spain.
Jan 19-22: Dubai desert classic, Emirates Club.
Jan 26-29: Johnnie Walker classic, Orchard Club, Manila.
Feb 2-5: Madeira Island Open, Campo de Golfe, Madeira.
Feb 9-12: Turespana Open de Canarias, Maspalomas, Gran Canaria.
Feb 16-19: Lexington South African PGA, Wanderers Club, Johannesburg.
Feb 23-26: Turespana Open Mediterrania, Land of Valencia.
Mar 2-5: Turespana Masters Open de Andalucia, Islantilla, Huelva.
Mar 9-12: Moroccan Open, Royal Golf Links, Agadir.
Mar 16-19: Portuguese Open, Penha Longa, Sintra.
Mar 30-Apr 2: Open de Extremadura, Guadiana, Badajoz, tbc.
Apr 6-9: US masters, Augusta.
Apr 13-16: Catalan Open, vtba.
Apr 20-23: Air France Cannes Open, Royal Mougins.
Apr 27-30: Tournoi Perrier de Paris, Saint-Cloud.
May 4-7: Italian Open, vtba.
May 11-14: Benson and Hedges International Open, St Mellion, Plymouth.
May 18-21: Peugeot Open de Espana, Club de Campo, Madrid.
May 22-23: Five Tours Andersen Consulting qualifier, La Moraleja, Madrid.
May 26-29: Volvo PGA championship, Wentworth.
June 1-4: Murphy's English Open, Forest of Arden.
June 8-11: Deutsche Bank Open-Tournament Players' Championship, Gut Kaden, Hamburg.
June 15-18: US Open championships, Shinnecock Hills, New York; Jersey Open, La Moye.
June 22-25: Peugeot Open de France, National Club, Paris.
July 2: BMW International Open, St Eurach, Munich.
July 6-9: Murphy's Irish Open, Mount Juliet, Thomastown.
July 12-15: Scottish Open, Carnoustie.
July 16-17: Open Championship final qualifying.
July 20-23: Open championship, St Andrews.
July 24-25: Five Tours Andersen Consulting qualifier, The Oxfordshire.
July 27-30: Heineken Dutch Open, Hilversum.
Aug 3-6: Scandinavian Masters, Barsebacks, Sweden.
Aug 10-13: US PGA championships, Riviera CC, Los Angeles; Hohe Brucke Open, Waldviertel, Litschau, Austria.
Aug 17-20: Chemapol Czech Open, Marianske Lazne.
Aug 24-27: Volvo German Open, Nippenburg, Stuttgart.
Sept 3: Canon European Masters, Crans-sur-Sierre.
Sept 7-10: Trophee Lancome, St Nom la Breteche, Paris.
Sept 14-17: Dunhill British Masters, Woburn.

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Sept 22-24: Ryder Cup, Oak Hill, Rochester, New York.
Sept 28-Oct 1: Smurfit European Open, Kildare Country Club, Dublin.
Oct 5-8: Mercedes German Masters, Motzener See, Berlin.
Oct 11-15: Toyota World Match Play, Wentworth.
Oct 19-22: Alfred Dunhill Cup, St Andrews.
Oct 26-29: Volvo Masters, Valderrama.
Nov 9-12: World Cup by Heineken, Mission Hill, Shenzhen, China.
Dec 14-17: Johnnie Walker world championship, Tryall, Jamaica.
Dec 28-31: Five Tours Andersen Consulting world championship, Grayhawk, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Women

Mar 14-17: Qualifying school, La Manga, Spain.
Mar 23-26: Nabisco Dinah Shore, Rancho Mirage, California.
May 11-14: McDonalds LPGA championships, Wilmington, Delaware; Costa Azul Open, Portugal.
May 18-21: Ford Classic, Chart Hills, Kent.
June 1-4: Italian Open, Lignano, Venice
June 7-10: Evian Masters, Royal Club Evian, France.
June 15-18: OVB Damen Open, Golf Club Europe, Salzburg
June 22-25: European Masters, Belgium.
June 29-July 2: Hennessy Cup, Germany.
July 13-16: US Open championships, Colorado Springs.
July 27-30: Guardian Irish Holidays Open, St Margaret's, Dublin.
Aug 3-6: Scottish Open, Dalmahoy, Edinburgh.
Aug 10-13: Welsh Open, St Pierre, Chepstow.
Aug 17-20: Weetabix British Open, Woburn.
Aug 24-27: du Maurier classic, Montreal.
Aug 24-27: Ford-Stimarol Danish Open, Vejle.
Aug 31-Sept 3: English Open, The Oxfordshire.
Sept 6-10: Sens Dutch Open, Rijk van Nijmegan, Groesbeek.
Sept 21-24: German Open, Treudelberg, Hamburg.
Oct 5-8: Country Club Hotels Open, vtbc.
Oct 13-15: French Open, Golf de St Endreol, La Motte.
Oct 19-22: Spanish Open, La Manga.

Amateur

Jan 4-6: President's Putter, Rye.
Apr 7-9: Central England Open men's foursomes, Woodhall Spa.
Apr 15-16: Duncan Putter, Southerndown.
Apr 19-20: McEvoy trophy, Copt Heath.
Apr 22-23: West of England amateur stroke play championship, Saunton.
May 6-7: Lytham Trophy, Royal Lytham and St Annes; Berkshire Trophy.
May 13-14: England v Spain, Fairhaven.
May 19-21: Brabazon Trophy, Hillside.
May 20-21: Welsh mid-amateur, Nelyn.
May 24-25: Tillman trophy, The London GC.
May 26-28: Links trophy, St Andrews.
May 31-June 1: Lagonda Trophy, Gog Magog.
June 5-10: British amateur championship, Royal Liverpool and Wallasey.
June 7-9: English Open seniors championship, Copt Heath and Olton.
June 9-11: International European mid-amateur championship, vtbc.
June 12-17: South Western Counties Week, Royal North Devon.
June 13-17: Ladies' British Open amateur championship, Royal Portrush.
June 17: EGU Northern Group qualifying, Carlisle.
June 30-July 1: Midland Open amateur championship, Little Aston and Sutton Coldfield.
July 4-5: Northern seniors championship, Alnmouth.
July 5-9: European amateur team championship, Royal Antwerp.
July 8: EGU Midland Group qualifying, Shifnal; EGU South-East Group qualifying, Hindhead.
July 28-29: Vagliano Trophy, Genton.
July 31-Aug 5: English amateur championship, Hunstanton; Scottish amateur championships.
Aug 1-5: Welsh amateur championships, Royal St David's.
Aug 2: Midland IMS tournament qualifying, Stanton on the Wold.
Aug 3: SW IMS tournament qualifying, Clevedon.
Aug 9: Northern IMS tournament qualifying, Blackburn.
Aug 9-11: British seniors championship, Hankley Common and Farnham.
Aug 17: Midland mid-amateur championship, Copt Heath; South-East IMS tournament qualifying, Stowmarket.
Aug 23-25: Ladies' British Open amateur stroke play championship, Prince's GC.
Aug 24-27: International European amateur championship, El Prat, Spain.
Aug 25-27: Logan Trophy, Seacroft.
Sept 6-8: Commonwealth tournament, Royal Sydney GC.
Sept 8-9: English champion club tournament, Ipswich.
Sept 9-10: Walker Cup, Royal Porthcawl.
Sept 12-13: Senior ladies' British Open amateur championship, Blairgowrie.
Sept 20-22: Home internationals, Royal Portrush.
Sept 23: County Presidents and guests' tournament, Lindrick.
Sept 23-24: IMS tournament, Worksop.
Sept 24: County champions tournament, Lindrick.
Sept 27: Midland senior amateur championship, St Neots.
Sept 29-Oct 1: County finals, Silloth on Solway.
Oct 4-6: Ladies' home internationals, Wrexham.
Oct 5-8: Central England Open mixed foursomes, Woodhall Spa.
Oct 11-12: SW seniors championship, Newton Abbot.
Oct 25-26: SE Group seniors championship, Warley Park.

GYMNASTICS

Feb 18-19: Men's team championships, Liverpool.
Mar 18-19: Sports acrobatics championships, King's Lynn.
Mar 25: Rhythmic gymnastics championships, Bletchley.
May 6: Rhythmic gymnastics team championships, Haden Hill.
June 6-18: European cup final, Rome.
June 24-25: Women's senior team championships, Guildford; Rhythmic gymnastics European cup final, Telford.
June 30-July 2: Women's national championships, Guildford.
July 6-9: Rhythmic gymnastics European championships, Brno.
July 9-15: European Youth Olympic days, Bath; Xth world gymnaestrada, Berlin.
Sept 19-24: Rhythmic gymnastics world championships, Vienna.
Oct 1-10: World championships, Sabae.
Nov 11-12: Men's national championships, vtbc.
Dec 1-3: European championships team final, Chesterfield.
Dec: The Birmingham Classic, tbc.

HOCKEY

Men

Jan 15: HA Cup fourth round.
Jan 20: Indoor club championship finals, Crystal Palace.
Jan 21-22: Under-18, Under-18 indoor finals, Kidderminster.
Feb 5-14: Indira Gandhi tournament, Delhi.
Feb 12: HA Cup fifth round.
Feb 17-19: European indoor club championships B division (qualifiers, St Albans), Edinburgh.
Mar 11-26: Pan-American Games, Argentina.
Mar 12: HA Cup sixth round.
Apr 9: HA Cup semi-finals.
Apr 14-17: European Cup Winners Cup A division, Cagliari.
Apr 21-23: National inter-league tournament, Olton.
May 13: National inter-league play-offs.
May 21: HA Cup and Trophy finals.
May 28: Norwich Union county championship finals (seniors, Under-21s), Portsmouth.
June 2-5: European club championships A division.
Aug 16-27: European Nations Cup, Dublin.
Sept 13-24: All-Africa Games, Zimbabwe.
Sept 23-Oct 1: Champions Trophy, Berlin.

Women

Jan 28-29: Centres of Excellence.
Feb 12: AEWHA Cup fourth round.
Feb 17-19: Indoor European club championship
Mar 8: British Aerospace Under-16 school championship finals
Mar 9: British Aerospace Under-18 school championship finals.
Mar 18: AEWHA Cup fifth round.
Apr 8-9: Under-18 and Under-16 Home Countries tournaments, Scotland.
Apr 9: AEWHA Cup quarter-finals.
Apr 15-17: Under-18 and Under-16 international tournaments, Spain.
Apr 14-17: European clubs' Cup Winners' Cup.
Apr 21-23: National League play-offs for second division, Bristol.
May 7: AEWHA Cup semi-finals.
May 21: AEWHA Cup final, Milton Keynes.
June 14-25: European Nations Cup, Amstelveen.

ICE HOCKEY

Apr 12-21: World championships pool B, Bratislava, Slovakia.
Apr 15-16: British championships, Wembley.
Apr 29-May 7: World championships pool A, Stockholm.
Sept 2: Benson and Hedges cup tournament begins.
Dec 2: Benson and Hedges cup final, Sheffield.

ICE SKATING

Jan 28-29: World junior short track championships, Calgary.
Jan 30-Feb 5: European figure skating championships, Dortmund.
Feb 11-12: Europa Cup short track speed skating, Bormio, Italy.
Feb 18-19: World sprint speed championships, Milwaukee.
Mar 8-12: World figure skating championships, Birmingham.
Mar 17-19: World short track speed championships, Hamar, Norway.
Nov 13-18: British championships, Guildford.

JUDO

Feb 10-12: Paris tournament
Feb 18-19: Austrian A tournament, Leonding.
Feb 19: NHC senior open ranking tournament, High Wycombe.
Feb 25-26: German A tournament, Munich.
Mar 25-26: Jersey open.
Mar 26: NHC youth open, Stokenchurch.
Apr 8: British open championships, Birmingham.
May 11-14: European senior championships, Birmingham.
May 21: North of England senior ranking tournament, Bradford
June 3: Southern area open ranking tournament, Crystal Palace.
Sept 10: Heart of England senior championships, Birmingham.
Sept 28-Oct 1: World championships, Makuari, Japan.
Oct 7: Welsh open championships, Cardiff.
Oct 14-15: European team championships, Bratislava.
Nov 16-19: European Under-16 and Under-19 championships, Toledo
Dec 2-3: British closed championships, vtbc.

LACROSSE

Feb 18: Junior England trials weekend, Bisham; Under-21 England trials weekend.
Mar 1-10: National schools tournament, Milton Keynes.
Mar 11: England squad trials weekend.
Mar 18: National school championships, Milton Keynes.
Mar 19: Under-21 international tournament.
Apr 1: Wales v England.
Apr 7: England v England Reserves.
Apr 8: National festival weekend; Scotland v Wales.
Apr 22: England v Scotland.
May: Australian tour to UK.
July: Junior World Cup in US.

MOTOR CYCLING

Mar 26: Australian Grand Prix, Eastern Creek.
Apr 2: Malaysian Grand Prix, Shah Alam
Apr 23: Japanese Grand Prix, Suzuka.
May 7: Spanish Grand Prix, Jerez.
May 21: German Grand Prix, Nürburgring.
June 11: Italian Grand Prix, Mugello
June 24: Dutch Grand Prix, Assen.
July 9: French Grand Prix, Le Mans.
July 23: British Grand Prix, Donington Park.
Aug 6: United States Grand Prix, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.
Aug 20: Czech Republic Grand Prix, Brno.
Sept 17: Brazil Grand Prix, Rio de Janeiro (provisional).
Sept 24: Argentine Grand Prix, Buenos Aires.
Oct 8: European Grand Prix, Barcelona.

MOTOR RACING

Mar 12: Argentine Grand Prix, Buenos Aires.
Mar 26: Brazilian Grand Prix, Interlagos.
Apr 2: British touring car championship, Donington Park.
Apr 16: Pacific Grand Prix, Aida, Japan.
Apr 17: British touring car championship, Brands Hatch.
Apr 30: San Marino Grand Prix, Imola; British touring car championship, Thruxton.
May 14: Spanish Grand Prix, Barcelona; British touring car championship, Silverstone.
May 28: Monaco Grand Prix.
May 29: British touring car championship, Oulton Park.
June 11: Canadian Grand Prix, Montreal; British touring car championship, Brands Hatch.
June 25: British touring car championship, Donington Park.
July 2: French Grand Prix, Magny Cours.
July 9: British touring car championship, Silverstone.
July 16: British Grand Prix, Silverstone
July 30: German Grand Prix, Hockenheim; British touring car championship, Knockhill.
Aug 13: British touring car championship, Brands Hatch.
Aug 27: Belgian Grand Prix, Spa-Francorchamps.
Aug 28: British touring car championship, Snetterton.
Sept 10: Italian Grand Prix, Monza; British touring car championship, Oulton Park.
Sept 24: Portuguese Grand Prix, Estoril; British touring car championship, Silverstone.
Oct 8: European Grand Prix, Nürburgring
Oct 29: Japanese Grand Prix, Suzuka.
Nov 12: Australian Grand Prix, Adelaide.

MOTOR RALLYING

World championship

Jan 21-27: Monte Carlo rally, Monaco
Feb 9-12: Sweden rally, Karlstad.
Mar 7-11: Portugal rally, Estoril.
May 1-8: Corsican rally, Ajaccio.
July 28-31: New Zealand rally, Auckland.
Sept 15-18: Australia rally, Perth
Oct 22-25: Spain rally, vtbc.
Nov 20-23: Britain rally, Chester.

Two-litre world championship

Jan 21-27: Monte Carlo rally, Monaco.
Feb 9-12: Sweden rally, Karlstad.
Mar 7-11: Portugal rally, Estoril.
Apr 13-17: Safari rally, Nairobi.
May 1-8: Corsica rally, Ajaccio.
May 27-31: Acropolis rally, Athens.
July 5-8: Argentine rally, Cordoba.
July 28-31: New Zealand rally, Auckland.
Aug 25-27: 1,000 Lakes rally, Jyväskylä.
Oct 8-12: Sanremo rally, Sanremo.

NETBALL

Jan 28: Wales v England (Senior and Under-21).
Feb 11: England v Republic of Ireland (Senior and Under-21)
Feb 18: England v Scotland (senior), tbc.
Mar 1: England senior v Surrey, Crystal Palace.
Mar 11: National schools finals.
Mar 18: Birmingham v England senior, Birmingham.
Mar 25: Northern Ireland v England (senior and Under-18).
Apr 12-May 3: England senior, Milo Series, New Zealand.
July 15-29: Ninth world championships, Birmingham.

POLO

Apr 24-30: Tyro Cup, Cowdray Park.
Apr 29-May 14: Texaco trophy, Cowdray Park.
May 10-21: The Prince of Wales Trophy, RCBPC
May 13-21: Cicero Cup, Cowdray Park.
May 16-Jun 4: Queen's Cup, Guards.
May 23-28: Dollar Cup, Cowdray Park.
June 6-25: Warwickshire Cup, Cirencester
June 11: Oxford v Cambridge, Cambridge; Jal Cup, Guards.
June 19-25: Royal Windsor Cup, Guards.
June 24-July 16: The Gold Cup (British Open), Cowdray Park.
June 26-July 2: Cheshire Champion Cup, Cheshire
July 16: Inter-Regiment Tournament Finals, Guards.
July 19-30: The Prince Philip Trophy, Guards.
July 23: International Day sponsored by Cartier, Guards.
July 25-29: Harrison Cup, Cowdray Park.
July 25-30: Cowdray Park Challenge Cup.
Aug 1-13: National 15 Goal Championship, Cirencester.
Aug 11-13: Pony Club Championship, Cowdray Park.
Aug 15-27: Duke of Wellington Trophy, Guards.
Aug 28-Sept 10: Cowdray autumn tournament, Guards.
Aug 29-Sept 10: Compaq Autumn Trophy, Guards; Ground 10 Cup, Guards.

POWERBOATING

Offshore

Aug 15-19: Class Two world championship, Poole.
Aug 27: Martini Endurance series, Cowes

UK Offshore Boating Association

May 7: Spithead Trophy, Gosport.
June 11: Newhaven Grand Prix.
July 2: Cornish Grand Prix, Falmouth.
July 16: Eastbourne Grand Prix.
Aug 5-6: Hull Gold Cup.
Aug 27: Cowes-Torquay-Cowes classic.
Sept 17: Bournemouth Grand Prix.

Inland circuit

World Formula One

Apr 15-16: Corby.
May 6-7: Sardegna, Italy
May 27-28: Dunaujvaros, Hungary.
June 10-11: Germany.
June 24-25: Chalon, France.
July 22-23: Cardiff.
Sept 2-3: Italy.
Oct 14-15: Johore, Malaysia.
Dec 7-8: United Arab Emirates.

RACING

Jan 14: Victor Chandler Chase, Ascot; The Ladbroke, Leopardstown
Jan 22: AIG Irish Champion Hurdle, Leopardstown.
Feb 5: Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup, Leopardstown.
Feb 11: Tote Gold Trophy, Newbury.
Feb 25: Racing Post Chase, Kempton Park.
Mar 14: Smurfit Champion Hurdle, Cheltenham.
Mar 15: Queen Mother Champion Chase, Cheltenham.
Mar 16: Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup, Daily Express Triumph Hurdle, Cheltenham.
Mar 24: Times Rising Stars Hunter Chase final, Newbury.
Mar 25: William Hill Lincoln, Doncaster.
Apr 8: Martell Grand National, Aintree.
Apr 17: Jameson Irish Grand National, Fairyhouse.
Apr 18: Shadwell Stud Nell Gwyn Stakes, Newmarket.
Apr 19: European Free Handicap, Newmarket.
Apr 20: Craven Stakes, Newmarket.
Apr 21: Gainsborough Stud Fred Darling Stakes, Newbury
Apr 22: Singer & Friedlander Greenham Stakes, Newbury; Stakis Scottish Grand National, Ayr
Apr 25-27: Punchestown Festival
Apr 28: Whitbread Gold Cup, Sandown Park
May 5: Madagans Jockey Club Stakes, Newmarket
May 6: Madagans 2,000 Guineas, Newmarket; Kentucky Derby, Churchill Downs.
May 7: Madagans 1,000 Guineas, Newmarket
May 9: Dalham Chester Vase, Chester.
May 14: French 1,000 Guineas, French 2,000 Guineas, Longchamp
May 17: Homeowners Danie Stakes, York
May 21: Irish 2,000 Guineas, the Curragh
May 27: Irish 1,000 Guineas, the Curragh.
June 9: Vodafone Oaks, Epsom
June 10: Vodafone Derby, Epsom, Vodafone Coronation Cup, Epsom.
June 11: Prix du Jockey-Club (French Derby); Prix de Diane (French Oaks), Chantilly.
June 20: St James's Palace Stakes, Royal Ascot.
June 21: Coronation Stakes, Royal Ascot
June 22: Gold Cup, Royal Ascot
June 23: King's Stand Stakes, Royal Ascot
July 1: Newcastle "Brown Ale" Northumberland Plate
July 2: Irish Derby, the Curragh.
July 8: Coral-Eclipse Stakes, Sandown Park.
July 11: Princess of Wales's Stakes, Newmarket.
July 12: July Stakes, Newmarket.
July 13: July Cup, Newmarket.
July 16: Irish Oaks, the Curragh.
July 22: King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, Ascot.
July 26: Sussex Stakes, Goodwood
July 27: Schweppes Golden Mile, Goodwood
July 28: Molecomb Stakes, Goodwood.
July 29: Vodac Stewards' Cup, Goodwood.
Aug 2-7: Galway Festival.
Aug 13: Heinz 57 Stakes, Leopardstown
Aug 15: Juddmonte International Stakes, York.
Aug 16: Tote Ebor, York
Aug 17: Keeneland Nunthorpe Stakes, York.
Aug 26: Tripleprint Celebration Mile, Goodwood.
Sept 2: Haydock Park Sprint Cup.
Sept 6: Tote Portland Handicap, Doncaster.
Sept 7: Doncaster Cup.
Sept 8: Laurent-Perrier Champagne Stakes, Doncaster.
Sept 9: Teleconnection St Leger, Doncaster; Irish Champion Stakes, Leopardstown.
Sept 10: Moyglare Stud Stakes, the Curragh
Sept 16: Ladbroke Ayr Gold Cup, Roseby Farms Mail Reef Stakes, Newbury; Irish St Leger, the Curragh.
Sept 24: Queen Elizabeth II Stakes, Ascot.
Sept 26: Shadwell Stud Cheveley Park Stakes, Newmarket.
Sept 28: Middle Park Stakes, Newmarket
Sept 30: William Hill Cambridgeshire, Newmarket.
Oct 1: Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, Longchamp.
Oct 12: Tote Two-Year-Old Trophy, Redcar.
Oct 13: Generous Dewhurst Stakes, Newmarket.
Oct 14: Dubai Champion Stakes, Newmarket. Tote Cesarewitch, Newmarket.
Oct 21: Racing Post Trophy, Doncaster.
Oct 22: French St Leger, Longchamp.
Oct 28: Breeders' Cup, Belmont Park.
Nov 4: William Hill November Handicap, Doncaster
Nov 7: Melbourne Cup, Flemington
Nov 11: Mackeson Gold Cup, Cheltenham.
Nov 25: Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup, Newbury
Nov 26: Japan Cup, Tokyo.
Dec 9: Tripleprint Gold Cup, Cheltenham.
Dec 16: Betterware Cup, Ascot.
Dec 26: King George VI Tripleprint Chase, Kempton Park.
Dec 27: Bonusprint Christmas Hurdle, Kempton Park, Coral Welsh National, Chepstow

RACKETS

Jan 3-6: British Under-21 and Under-24 Open singles and doubles, Queen's.
Jan 29: Professional singles championships, Haileybury.
Feb 1-12: British Open singles, Queen's.
Feb 26: Inter-club league final, Winchester
Mar 11-14: British amateur doubles, Queen's.
Mar 22-27: Public Schools doubles, Queen's
Apr 15-23: British Open doubles, Queen's.

REAL TENNIS

Jan 6-9: BNB British professional doubles championships, Queen's
Jan 13-15: Oracle British women's doubles, Canford
Mar 11-19: British amateur singles, Lord's
Mar 12: Field trophy final.
Mar 22-25: European Open doubles, Queen's.
Mar 31-Apr 2: British amateur doubles
Apr 4-8: British Under-21 and Under-24 Open singles and doubles, Queen's
Apr 25-29: British women's open singles, Seacourt.
Nov 20-Dec 3: British open championships, Queen's.

ROWING

Feb 22-25: Oxford University Torpids
Mar 1-4: Cambridge University Lents.
Mar 11: Women's Head of the River race
Mar 25: Head of the River race.
Mar 26: Women's University Boat Race, Henley.
Apr 1: University Boat Race
Apr 8: Scullers Head of the River race
Apr 14-21: National senior trials, Hazewinkel, Belgium
Apr 29-May 1: National Under-23 trials, Nottingham.
May 6-7: International Kolner Regatta, Cologne; International Regatta, Prediuco, Italy.
May 19-21: International Hugelregatta, Essen, Germany.
May 24-27: Oxford University Eights.
June 3-4: International Regatta, Hazewinkel
June 14-17: Cambridge University May races.
June 16-18: International Regatta, Paris, Women's Henley
June 28-July 2: Henley Royal Regatta.
July 2-6: Final trials, junior women, Nottingham
July 6-12: Final trials, junior men, Nottingham
July 7-9: International Rotsee Regatta, Lucerne
July 13-16: National Championships, Nottingham.
July 22-23: National Cup (Under-23), Groningen, Holland.
July 29-30: Coupe de la Jeunesse, Bourges, France.
Aug 2-5: Junior world championships, Poznan, Poland
Aug 20-27: World championships, Tampere, Finland
Nov 11: Third Thames world sculling challenge

RUGBY LEAGUE

Jan 7-8: Regal Trophy, quarter-finals.
Jan 14-15: Regal Trophy, semi-finals.
Jan 28: Regal Trophy, final.
Feb 1: European championship, Wales v England, Ninian Park
Feb 4: World sevens, Sydney and Brisbane
Feb 5: Great Britain v France amateur international, The Boulevard, Hull
Feb 8: Student cup final.
Feb 11-12: Silk Cut Challenge Cup, fourth round
Feb 15: European championship, England v France.
Feb 25-26: Silk Cut Challenge Cup, fifth round.
Mar 4: European championship, France v Wales, Perpignan; France Under-21 v Great Britain Under-21, Perpignan; France Under-19 v Great Britain Academy, Perpignan
Mar 7: Oxford University v Cambridge University
Mar 11-12: Silk Cut Challenge Cup, quarter-finals
Mar 15: Great Britain Academy v France Under-19, Dewsbury
Mar 22: Student Premiership final
Mar 25: Silk Cut Challenge Cup, first semi-final.
Apr 1: Silk Cut Challenge Cup, second semi-final, Alliance Challenge Cup final.
Apr 4-11: Student four nations championship
Apr 29: Silk Cut Challenge Cup final, Wembley.
May 7: Stones Bitter Premiership and Divisional Premiership, first rounds
May 14: Stones Bitter Premiership and Divisional Premiership, semi-finals.
May 21: Stones Bitter Premiership and Divisional Premiership, finals; JJB Academy Cup final, Old Trafford.
May 29: Bank National Cup finals.

Centenary World Cup

Oct 7: England v Australia, Wembley.
Oct 8: New Zealand v Tonga, Hull; Fiji v South Africa, Keighley; Wales v Western Samoa, Cardiff.
Oct 10: Australia v South Africa, Gateshead; Papua New Guinea v Tonga, Workington.
Oct 11: England v Fiji, Wigan; France v Western Samoa, Cardiff.
Oct 14: Australia v Fiji, Huddersfield; New Zealand v Papua New Guinea, St Helens
Oct 15: England v South Africa, Headingley; Wales v France, Swansea.
Oct 21: First semi-final, Old Trafford.
Oct 22: Second semi-final, Elland Road.
Oct 28: Final, Wembley.

RUGBY UNION

Jan 7: Scotland A v Italy, Perth; Scotland Under-18 v Wales Under-18, Edinburgh
Jan 20: Ireland A v England A, Donnybrook, Scotland A v France A, Hughenden, Ireland Students v England Students, Port Laoish
Jan 21: France v Wales, Paris; Ireland v England, Dublin; Scotland v Canada, Edinburgh, Scotland Under-18 v New Zealand Under-18, Edinburgh.
Jan 25: England Under-18 v Australia Under-18, Gloucester
Feb 1: England Under-18 v New Zealand Under-18, Leicester.
Feb 3: England A v France A, Leicester; Scotland A v Ireland A, Myreside; England Students v France Students, Blackheath.
Feb 4: England v France, Twickenham; Scotland v Ireland, Edinburgh.
Feb 17: Wales Students v England Students, Swansea.
Feb 18: France v Scotland, Paris, Wales v England, Cardiff.
Feb 19: England A v Italy A, Gloucester.
Feb 25: Pilkington Cup quarter-finals
Mar 4: Ireland v France, Dublin; Scotland v Wales, Edinburgh
Mar 5: England Colts v Italy Youth, Camborne
Mar 11: CIS Insurance County Championship semi-finals
Mar 17: England Students v Italy Students, Leicester.
Mar 18: England v Scotland, Twickenham, Wales v Ireland, Cardiff; Natal v England A, Durban.
Mar 22: BUSA final, Twickenham
Mar 25: England Under-18 v Scotland Under-18, Twickenham.
Mar 25-26: Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Sevens.
Mar 26: England Colts v Wales Youth, Sloop Memorial Ground
Mar 29: Wales Under-18 v England Under-18, Llanelli.
Apr 1: Pilkington Cup semi-finals; Scotland Under-19 v England Colts, Stirling
Apr 8: Romania v France, Bucharest; Fiji v Canada, Suva, Swalec Cup quarter-finals; Scotland Under-18 v Ireland Under-18, Glasgow.
Apr 15: Ireland Under-18 v England Under-18, Galway.
Apr 19: England Under-18 v France Under-18, Cambridge.

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Same old story articulated in different setting

David Hands, rugby correspondent, feels the 1995 World Cup in South Africa will take the game nearer professionalism

When the inaugural Rugby World Cup was staged in New Zealand and Australia in 1987 they said it would be a watershed in the history of the sport; in 1991, when the second tournament was held in Britain, Ireland and France, the same was predicted; in 1995 the venue has changed but the story remains the same.

Each successive World Cup takes rugby union nearer the professional stage. The first brought 16 countries together simultaneously and presented the best players in the world with, *inter alia*, a debating platform for what might be called pay and conditions were we not talking about an amateur sport.

That was not a financial success, nor was it necessary that it should have been. But the show was on the road and the 1991 tournament, won by Australia, gave rugby union the highest profile it had ever enjoyed; that peak will surely be surpassed next May and June in South Africa, that traditional hotbed of rugby, combining sport with commercial opportunity for those many international companies seeking to expand into new markets.

For the first time the tournament will be held in one country and the South Africans are determined to make a success of the biggest international event to have been staged in their country. If they do so, the sky is the limit in sporting and economic terms; there will be an immediate financial benefit from tourism and sponsors, which may be followed by long-term trade investment which will impinge directly on the standard of living.

In sporting terms it will strengthen their hopes of a successful bid for the 2004 Olympic Games. In many senses they cannot afford to fail, though time is short if they are to deal with the logistical problems which have been apparent even on the small-scale tours which have been made to South Africa since the country's emergence from isolation in 1992.

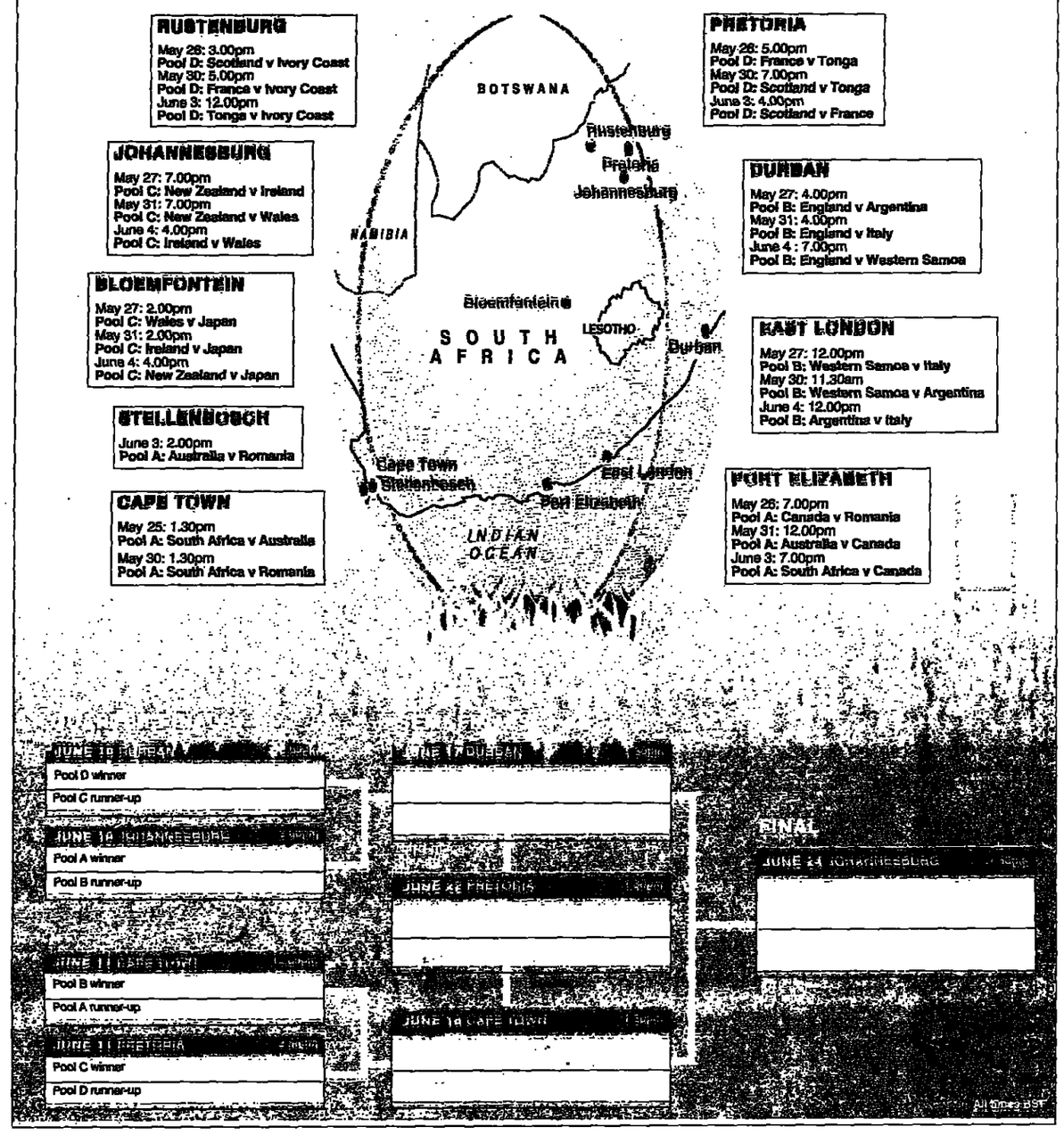
There should be, though, little doubt of the quality of the rugby nor the surroundings in which they are played. Ellis Park in Johannesburg, Newlands in Cape Town, Loftus Versfeld in Pretoria and King's Park in Durban offer facilities to compare with anywhere in world rugby and, in terms of firm, true pitches made for the running game they are far better than most.

But can the host nation win it, or will they be overturned by Australia, New Zealand or the main challengers from the northern hemisphere, France and England? It is hard to see any other nation coming through to claim the Webb Ellis trophy — "Old Bill" as the Australians cheerfully call it — and South Africa at home, with their fanatical crowds behind them, will be mighty opposition.

It could be too early for them. They occupy the same pool as Australia and Canada, which will ensure a stern physical examination. French aspirations have risen in the light of their last two summer tours — to South Africa in 1993 where they won the series by a single point, and to New Zealand in 1994 where they triumphed 2-0.

They meet Scotland in their qualifying pool, while Wales and Ireland are likely to scramble for second place behind New Zealand in pool C. And England, beaten finalists in 1991? The way Rob Andrew is playing at the moment, few would bet against them; they know the grounds, their forwards are developing as a powerful force and for several players — Brian Moore, Rory Underwood, Dewi Morris for example — this could be the final throw of the dice.

Yet if they win their pool they must remove either Australia or South Africa (assuming the Canadian dark horses do not throw a spanner in the works) from the competition. If they win that quarter-final in Cape Town, their confidence will be sky-high, yet still tinged with reality after their 1991 failure; an admirable condition in which to assault the final stages.



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RUGBY UNION

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Apr 22: Scotland v Romania, Edinburgh; New Zealand v Canada, Auckland; CIS County Championship final, Twickenham; Swalec Cup semi-finals; France Youth v England Colts, La Teste.
Apr 30: Australia v Argentina, Brisbane
May 3: Spanish Barbarians v Scotland, Madrid
May 6: Spain v Scotland, Madrid; Australia v Argentina, Sydney; Pilkington Cup final, Twickenham; Swalec Cup final, Cardiff.
May 13: Middlesex Sevens, Twickenham.
May 20: South Australia v England XV, Adelaide.
May 24: Victoria v England XV, Melbourne
May 25-June 24: World Cup, South Africa (see graphic).
May 28: Queensland v England XV, Brisbane
May 31: Australian Universities v England XV, Sydney.
June 3: NSW Country v England XV, Newcastle.
June 7: Australian XV v England XV, Brisbane
July 22: New Zealand v Australia, Auckland.
July 29: Australia v New Zealand, Sydney.
Sept 9: Courage League programme begins
Oct 21: Wales A v Fiji, vtbc.
Oct 25: Fourth-placed Heineken League XV v Fiji.
Oct 28: Heineken League winners v Fiji.
Nov 1: Third-placed Heineken League XV v Fiji
Nov 4: France v New Zealand, Toulouse; Heineken League runners-up v Fiji.
Nov 7: Heineken League top try-scorers v Fiji
Nov 11: Wales v Fiji, Cardiff; France v New Zealand, Paris
Nov 18: Scotland v Western Samoa, Edinburgh
Dec 12: England A v Western Samoa, vtbc; University match, Twickenham.
Dec 16: England v Western Samoa, Twickenham

SHOOTING

Jan 7: New Zealand international, Trentham.
Jan 10-14: New Zealand championships and Queen's prize, Trentham.
Jan 15: Australia match (Commonwealth team championship, Trentham)
Jan 17-19: Individual world long range championship, Trentham.
Jan 21-22: World team championship, Trentham
Feb 10-12: British air rifle championships, Aldershot.
Feb 13: Women's inter-service rifle championships, Borden.
Feb 17-19: British air pistol championships, Aldershot.
Feb 22-28: European airgun championships, Helsinki
Mar 1-9: World cup, Havana.
Mar 2-5: RAF pistol championships, Bisley
Apr 3-9: World cup, Guatemala
Apr 6-9: Army open pistol championships, Bisley
Apr 15-17: Bisley Easter Meeting
Apr 26-May 4: World cup, Seoul.
May 4-12: World cup, Hiroshima.
May 25-29: National pistol championships, Bisley.
June 8-16: World cup, Munich
June 11-15: Hapoel games, Israel
June 16-18: British pistol club open, Bisley
June 16-24: World cup, Milan.
June 17-18: Inter-counties rifle meet, Bisley
June 25-July 2: RAF/RN/RM service championships, Bisley
June 30-July 2: TA championships, Bisley
July 1-2: British Commonwealth PC meet, Bisley
July 1-7: Scottish smallbore rifle meeting, Lauder
July 1-9: International shooting week, Karstula, Finland
July 3-4: NRA services championships, Bisley
July 5: Regular Army Queen's Medal, Bisley
July 8-22: NRA 126th Imperial meeting, Bisley
July 25-Aug 6: European championships, Zagreb
Aug 12-19: National smallbore rifle championships, Bisley.
Aug 18-20: National smallbore pistol championships, Bisley.
Aug 30-Sept 4: World cup final, Munich
Oct 21-22: NRA Trafalgar meeting (Historic Arms), Bisley.

SKIING

World cup events
Women
Jan 7-8: Haus im Ennstal, Austria
Jan 13-15: Garmisch Partenk, Germany.
Jan 21-22: Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy
Feb 25-26: Maribor, Slovakia
Mar 4-5: Saalbach Hinterglemm, Austria.
Mar 11-12: Lenzerheide, Switzerland
Mar 15-19: Final, Bormio, Italy.

Men
Jan 7-8: Garmisch Partenk., Germany
Jan 14-15: Kitzbühel, Austria.
Jan 21-22: Wengen, Switzerland.
Jan 24: Adelboden, Switzerland
Feb 18-19: Furano, Japan.
Feb 25-26: Whistler, Canada.
Mar 4-5: Aspen, US.
Mar 11-12: Kvitfjell, Norway.
Mar 15-19: Final, Bormio, Italy.

World championships
(Men and women)
Jan 30-Feb 12: Sierra Nevada, Granada, Spain

SNOOKER

Jan 4-21: Qualifiers for world ranking events (including Embassy world championships), Blackpool.
Jan 11-15: Liverpool Victoria Charity challenge, Birmingham.
Jan 22-29: Regal Welsh open, Newport.
Feb 5-12: Benson and Hedges masters, Wembley.
Feb 13-19: International open, Bournemouth.
Mar 10-19: Kloster Thailand open, Bangkok.
Mar 22-26: Benson and Hedges Irish masters, Goffs, co Kildare
Apr 1-9: British open, Plymouth
Apr 14-30: Embassy world championships, Sheffield.

Billiards
Feb 22-Mar 1: Strachan UK and British open championships, Wigan.

SPEEDWAY

Mar 5: National indoor tours, Manchester Velodrome
June 17: Home international championship, first round, Newport.
July 2: Junior world individual final, Poole.
July 8: Home international championship, second round, vtbc.
July 8: Junior world cup final, Ipswich.
July 15: Home international championship, third round, vtbc
July 16: Home international championship, fourth round, vtbc.
Aug 12: British Under-21 individual final.
Aug 26: British Open and Under-18 individual final, East Anglia
Sept 2: British veterans' final.
Sept 9-10: British team finals (all categories).

SQUASH

Jan 2-6: Commercial Union British junior open, Lambs Club, London.
Jan 7-8: Under-19 home internationals, Scotland.
Feb 3-7: Men's super series finals, Zurich.
Feb 4-5: Inter-county finals
Feb 10-13: Jesters trophy, London.
Feb 25-27: British Under-19 championships (men and women), Under-16 championships (boys), Grantham.
Mar 3-8: Guernsey Open, St Peter Port.
Mar 14: National schools finals.
Mar 17-26: Leekes British open championships, Cardiff
Apr 5-10: National championships, Birmingham
Apr 12-20: European junior championships, Israel.

Ryder Cup hostilities set to capture the imagination

John Hopkins, golf correspondent, eagerly looks forward to the renewal of European and American rivalries

CHRIS WILKINS



Langer's agony after missing the putt in 1991 that would have kept the Ryder Cup in Europe is worth a million words



Ballesteros: inspired partner



Olazábal: leading European



Faldo: improved following



Woosnam: Oak Hill runner-up

Anyone who attended the 1983 Ryder Cup at West Palm Beach, Florida, or the 1987 match at Muirfield Village, Ohio, would be entitled to think it was a team event in which the Americans had little interest. There were virtually no spectators at Palm Beach. At Muirfield Village there were more, but many of them were European enthusiasts who had flown out to support the visiting team.

How wrong can you be? Thanks to the excitement of the 1989 match, which ended in that historic tie at The Belfry, the 1991 Ryder Cup at Kiawah Island was given unprecedented television coverage in the United States, and tickets were sold out months in advance. It will be the same at Oak Hill Country Club, outside Rochester, New York, from September 22 to 24.

Golf is undergoing an unprecedented boom — in Europe, the United States and throughout much of the rest of the world. The success of players such as Greg Norman, of Australia, Nick Price, who was born in South Africa but grew up in Zimbabwe, and Ernie Els, of South Africa, as well as the leading European players such as Severiano Ballesteros and José María Olazábal, of Spain, Bernhard Langer, of Germany, and the British pair, Nick Faldo and Colin Montgomerie, has increased the game's following and standing around the world.

Thus there is growing interest in the strokeplay events that are held almost every week, but also now an increasing interest in the cut and thrust of matchplay.

Just look at the rise in popularity of the Solheim Cup, the women's equivalent of the Ryder Cup, which has only been going for five years, and the arrival of the President's Cup, a competition based on the Ryder Cup format between a team of United States professionals and one drawn from the rest of the world, excluding Europe.

It is the excitement generated by the foursomes, fourballs and singles matches in the recent Ryder Cups that has created the upsurge of interest in an event that started in the mid-1920s.

The score in the series is still heavily in favour of the United States. Since 1927, the Americans have won 23, halved two and lost five. More significant is that Europe have won two and halved one of the past five competitions.

In the caring Nineties, team sports are enjoying a revival. Play for someone else. Win for your country. These are the mottoes of the times, the phrases that matter. There is greater pressure when playing alongside 11 of your colleagues than when playing for one's self.

Shut your eyes and think of incidents at recent Ryder Cups. Remember Payne Stewart trying to play out of the water at The Belfry in 1989? Remember Christy O'Connor's marvellous two-iron shot to the green at the 18th in that same year?

Remember, too, Sam Torrance holing a putt on that same three-tiered final green to win in 1985, and Bernhard Langer missing one that would have tied the event at Kiawah Island in 1991?

It was at Oak Hill that Ian Woosnam went close to winning the 1989 US Open, when he finished joint second with Mark McCumber and Chip Beck. Oak Hill will surely see the continuation of the Ryder Cup partnership between Ballesteros and Olazábal, who have won or halved all but two of the 15 matches they have played since the two Spaniards were first paired together for the opening morning's foursomes in 1987.

It is hard to contain the sense of anticipation at what will happen in Rochester. Will it be another tie? Will the United States win for the third time in a row? Will Europe's leading players, Faldo, Langer, Olazábal, Woosnam and Ballesteros, perform to their potential in the singles as they have not in recent years?

Apr 15-20: Tournament of Champions, New York.
Apr 27-30: European team championships, Holland
May 20-21: National club championships finals, Birmingham.
June 8-12: JSM super squash, Tokyo
June 25-July 2: Women's world open championships, Hong Kong.
July 1-15: World junior women's championships, Australia.
Sept 2-16: World masters, Melbourne
Nov 7-12: Men's world open championships, Cyprus.
Nov 13-18: Men's world team championships, Egypt.
Nov 20-24: Pakistan Open, Karachi

SWIMMING

Feb 10-11: Swimming world cup, Sheffield.
Mar 3-4: Great Britain club team championships, Stockport.
Apr 1-2: Eight nations youth international, Crystal Palace.
Apr 20-23: European championship trials, Sheffield
June 2-4: Great Britain masters, Crystal Palace.
July 10-22: European juniors, Geneva.
July 20-23: National championships, Coventry.
July 31-Aug 5: National age-group competitions, Leeds.
Aug 17-27: European championships, Vienna.
Oct 27-29: National masters championships, Sheffield.
Nov 30-Dec 3: World short course, Rio de Janeiro.
Dec 14-17: National winter championships, Leicester

Synchronised swimming
Apr 2: Inter-district, Winchester.
Sept 23-24: Age-groups, Leicester.
Nov 4-5: National championships.
Dec 9: Masters, Potters Bar.

TABLE TENNIS

Jan 1: England v China, Grantham.
Jan 2: England v China, Mansfield
Jan 3: England v China, Chester
Jan 5-8: English Open, Thornaby, Middlesbrough
Jan 9: England v Russia (women), Hull.
Jan 9-12: Global youth championships, Tokyo.
Jan 10: England v Russia (women), Crewe; European League (men), second stage.
Jan 13-15: European nations cup, Germany.
Jan 16-30: ITTF world circuit events, Japan.
Jan 21-22: European women's team cup, Dulmen, Germany
Feb 3-5: European top 12 championships, Dijon
Feb 4-5: Welsh Open, Cardiff.
Feb 18-19: County championships, Warwick.
Feb 21: European league (men), final
Feb 28: European league (women), final, Milton Keynes
Mar 4-5: English national championships, King's Lynn.
Mar 14: Euro-league (women), second leg final
Mar 16-19: Russia Open, Moscow.
Mar 25: National school team championships, finals.
Mar 25-26: British League Women 1, Lancaster
Apr 5-12: ISF international, Israel.
Apr 20-27: Commonwealth championships, Singapore.
May 1-14: World championships, Tianjin, China.
May 6: National individual championships, Coventry.
May 13-14: National Under-15, Under-18, Under-21 championships, Bridlington.
June 8-11: Japan Open, Okinawa
June 8-25: ITTF world circuit events, Asia, America.
June 10-11: British League Women 2, Stourbridge.
June 18: National team finals, Grantham.
June 21-25: Brazilian Open
June 30-July 2: Schools international, Isle of Man.
July 2-8: European veterans finals, Vienna.
July 5-9: US Open, Anaheim.
Aug 10-13: World team cup, Atlanta.
Aug 22-24: Australian Open.
Sept 7-10: World Cup (women), Asia.
Sept 9-10: European Masters Cup, Germany
Sept 11-25: ITTF world circuit events, Europe, Africa.
Sept 15-18: Bulgarian Open, Varna.
Oct 11-15: World Cup, France
Oct 20-22: Polish Open.
Oct 27-29: Croatian Open.
Nov 10-12: Hungarian Open, Budapest
Nov 16-19: Austrian Open.
Nov 24-26: French Open
Nov 29-Dec 3: Swedish Open.
Dec 7-10: Finland Open.

TENNIS

Jan 16-29: Australian Open, Melbourne.
Feb 28-Mar 5: LTA Women's Challenger, Southampton
Mar 12: Vauxhall indoor trophy, men's final, Nottingham.
Mar 13-26: Lipton championships, Key Biscayne
Mar 27: Vauxhall premier trophy, quarter-finals, Nottingham.
Mar 28: Vauxhall premier trophy, semi-finals, Nottingham.
Mar 28-30: Davis Cup, Euro-African zone, group two: Slovakia v Great Britain, vtbc
Mar 29: Vauxhall premier trophy, final, Nottingham; Vauxhall indoor trophy, women's final, Nottingham.
May 6-14: Italian Open, Rome
May 15-21: British clay court women's championships, Bournemouth.
May 24-27: World women's doubles cup, Edinburgh.
May 29-June 13: French Open, Paris.
June 5-11: Beckenham Open.
June 12-18: Stella Artois grass court championships, Queen's; DFS Classic, Edgbaston
June 19-25: Nottingham Open; Direct Line Insurance Championships, Eastbourne
June 26-July 9: The Championships, Wimbledon.
July 11-16: Mercury Communications Challenge, Bristol.
July 14-16: Davis Cup Euro-African zone, group two: GB v Egypt or Monaco, vtbc
July 18-23: Manchester Open Challenger.
July 24-30: Northern Electric Open, Newcastle
Aug 28-Sept 10: US Open, New York.
Oct 17-22: Brighton international women's championships.
Oct 31-Nov 5: Guardian Direct Nationals, Telford.
Nov 14-19: ATP Tour world championship, Frankfurt; WTA Tour world championship, New York
Dec 1-3: Davis Cup final
Dec 5-10: Grand Slam Cup, Munich.

TRIATHLON

May: National duathlon championships, venue and date tbc.
May 7: Powerman, dates and venue tbc.
May 21: BTA national sprint championships, Market Bosworth.
May 28: Swindon triathlon.
June 11: Shropshire triathlon, Shrewsbury
June 25: National Olympic Championships, Windsor.
July 9: Southend triathlon.
July 15: Ironbridge triathlon.
July 22: Haverfordwest triathlon; National juvenile championships, Horsham.
July 30: EC Olympic distance, Sweden.
Aug 5: EC long course, Germany.
Aug 6: Knepp Castle triathlon.
Aug 12: National relay championships, Holmepierrepont.
Aug 20: National long course championships, Wolverhampton
Sept 10: Bournemouth triathlon, tbc
Sept 17: Bath triathlon

VOLLEYBALL

Feb 25-26: Students final, Leeds.
Apr 1-2: National knock-out cup final, Sheffield
Apr 9: EVA cup final.
Apr 22-23: Insurance Corporation Jersey open.
May 6-7: County cup, Liverpool.

Beach
Men
Feb 16-19: World championships, Rio de Janeiro

Women
Feb 10-12: World championship series, La Serena, Chile
Mar 2-5: World championships, Rio de Janeiro.

WATER POLO

Mar 11-12: British university championships, Walsall.
Mar 24-25: Home nations tournaments, Belfast.
Apr 1-2: Inter-district championships, Sheffield.
Apr 11-13: British university championships, Walsall
Apr 29-30: Deep water finals, Walsall.
May 13: English schools finals.
June 3: Boys', Senior plate, Senior club finals, Sheffield.
June 16-18: Eight nations tournament, Vienna.
Nov 18: Junior county finals, tba
Nov 18-19: Women's Under-20 inter-district championships, Walsall
Dec 2-3: Women's inter-district championships, Walsall.

WEIGHTLIFTING

Feb 25: Junior weightlifting championships, Bristol.
Mar 4: Women's powerlifting championships, South Midlands
Mar 19: Schoolboys weightlifting championships, Manchester.
Mar 25: Schoolgirls weightlifting championships, Bristol.
Apr 29-30: Masters powerlifting championships, NWC
Apr 30-May 8: European senior weightlifting championships, Poland
May 4-8: Women's world powerlifting championships, Japan.
May 18-21: Men's European powerlifting championships, Moscow
June 30-July 2: European masters powerlifting championships, Latvia
July 8: Senior men's weightlifting championships, Shrewsbury
July 10-17: Junior world weightlifting championships, Poland
July 15-16: EU Cup powerlifting, Denmark
July 24-28: World junior weightlifting championships, New Delhi
July 29: Women's weightlifting championships, Manchester
Sept 16: Under-18 weightlifting championships, Edinburgh
Oct 15-19: World masters powerlifting championships, Copenhagen; Men's open world powerlifting championships, Finland.
Nov 12-21: World men's and women's weightlifting championships, China.

YACHTING

Jan 2-9: Dragon Prince of Wales Cup, Perth.
Jan 7-21: Finn Gold Cup, Melbourne.
Jan 9-15: 420 World championship, Fremantle
Jan 12-20: Citizen Cup defenders first round robin series, San Diego.
Jan 14-20: Louis Vuitton Cup challengers, first round robin series, San Diego.
Jan 27-Feb 4: Europe World Championship, North Shore, NZ.
Jan 29-Feb 4: Louis Vuitton Cup challengers, second round robin series, San Diego
Jan 29-Feb 6: Citizen Cup defenders second round robin series, San Diego
Feb 6-12: Australia Cup match race series, Perth.
Feb 14-20: Louis Vuitton Cup challengers third round robin series, San Diego.
Feb 14-22: Citizen Cup defenders third round robin series, San Diego.
Feb 27-Mar 4: Laser II world championship, Sarasota, US
Mar 2-8: Louis Vuitton Cup challengers fourth round robin series, San Diego.
Mar 2-10: Citizen Cup defenders fourth round robin series, San Diego
Mar 18-31: Louis Vuitton Cup semi-finals, San Diego, Citizen Cup semi-finals, San Diego.
Apr 7-8: Pre-Olympic regatta, Savannah, US.
Apr 10-22: Citizen Cup finals, San Diego.
Apr 11-14: Soling European match race championship, Torquay.
Apr 11-22: Louis Vuitton Cup, San Diego.
May 6-20: America's Cup, San Diego
May 25-30: Rover Scottish series, The Clyde.
June 1-7: Champion of Champions match race championship, Hong Kong.
June 5-9: Royal Lymington Cup match race championship, Lymington.
June 5-14: Laser world championship, Tenerife.
June 10: Round the Island race, Cowes.
June 12-18: Soling European championship, Mastrand, Sweden.
June 14-17: British pre-Olympic regatta, Hayling Island.
June 17-24: Laser Masters world championship, Tenerife
June 18-25: IYRU Nations Cup, European trials, Cowes
June 30-July 6: Laser Youth European championships
July 7-14: J24 European championship, Dublin.
July 7-15: Dragon Gold Cup, Torquay.
July 8-18: IYRU World youth championship, Bermuda.
July 18: Cutty Sark Tall Ships race, Edinburgh.
July 22-30: Dart 18 world championship, Travemunde, Germany.
July 24-28: OK world championship, Hayling Island; RYA youth match race championship, Queen Mary Reservoir.
July 27-Aug 10: Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup, Cowes.
July 28-Aug 5: 505 World championship, Penzance.
July 29-Aug 5: Skandia Cowes Week.
Aug 5-10: Fastnet Race, Cowes to Plymouth.
Aug 6-11: Flying 15 championship, Torquay.
Aug 7-17: Optimist world championship, Marie Hamn, Finland.
Aug 11-18: Hobie 14 world championship, Fohr, Germany; Soling world championship, Kingston, Canada; Tornado world championship, Kingston.
Aug 13-19: 470 world championship, Toronto
Aug 14-17: Int 14 team racing world championship, Copenhagen.
Aug 14-19: Mirror world championship, Penzance.
Aug 14-25: Cadet world championship, Palma
Aug 18-25: Hobie Cat European championships, Copenhagen; J24 world championship, Rochester, US
Aug 20-27: Int 14 world championship, Copenhagen.
Aug 21-27: 470 Junior world championship, Rostock.
Aug 22-27: IYRU world team racing championship, West Kirby.
Aug 26-Sept 2: Burnham Week
Aug 26-Sept 3: Largs regatta week, Scotland
Aug 27-30: Fireball European championship, Dublin
Aug 27-Sept 9: British Olympic yachting trials, Weymouth.
Aug 28-Sept 2: Laser masters European championship, Bretenbrunn, Austria.
Sept 2-9: Fireball world championship, Dublin.
Sept 3-10: Flying Dutchman world championship, Lake Garda, Italy
Sept 6-17: Star world championship, Laredo, Spain
Sept 9-16: Finn European championship, Balaton, Hungary; Contender world championship, Rowayton, US.
Sept 15-22: Tornado European championship, Kiel, Germany.
Oct 23-29: Flying Fifteen world championship, Hong Kong.
Nov 1-7: Stainlager Cup match race championship, Auckland.

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Young's grinding vigil slows down South Africans

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

BRYAN YOUNG, the New Zealand opening batsman, laboured to the third slowest half-century in Test cricket yesterday but his dogged resistance appeared unlikely to prevent South Africa from levelling the three-match series in the second Test match in Durban.

New Zealand were dismissed for 192 in their second innings by aggressive bowling from Brian McMillan and Fanie de Villiers, together with a critical run-out decision against Adam Parore, leaving South Africa a modest target of 152 for victory with more than a day remaining. By the close of the fourth day the home side had reached 41 for one.

Young took 333 minutes in compiling his 50, scored from 229 balls. Only Trevor Bailey, the former England all-rounder, who reached 50 in 357 minutes against Australia in 1958-59, and his fellow countryman, Chris Tavaré, who was at the crease for 350 minutes in scoring a half-century against Pakistan in 1982, have taken longer to achieve the feat.

Having scored only nine runs before lunch, Young put on 53 with Stephen Fleming for the fourth wicket and 63 with Shane Thomson for the fifth wicket as New Zealand built slowly on their overnight score of 48 for three. However, his dismissal started a collapse which saw four wickets tumble for nine runs.

Young's concentration finally wavered when he cut a rising delivery from McMillan to Daryll Cullinan in the gully. In the next over, Thomson was bowled by Hansie Cronje for 35.

Parore, the New Zealand wicketkeeper, was the next batsman to depart. He was deemed to have been run out, after a television replay, when Cronje, the South Africa captain, assuming bowling duties because Craig Matthews had been taken to hospital with a strained rib muscle, broke his delivery stride to splay the stumps with a direct hit.

In the last over before tea Gary Kirsten, an occasional bowler of spin, turned the ball enough to take the edge of Matthew Hart's bat to send the left-hander back to the pavilion.

The New Zealand tailenders, Simon Doull, Danny Morrison and Chris Pringle added a further 39 runs after the interval before de Villiers closed the innings with the new ball.

South Africa suffered a setback when Andrew Hudsonwas caught down the leg side by Parore off the bowling of Doull for six as 19 overs were bowled before the close.

Young, still able to smile after his marathon vigil, said: "It's not a record you really want to pin up on the bedroom wall for everyone to see. I think I'll be on the end of a few snail jokes from the rest of the team. But I can take that."

SCOREBOARD

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings 185 (S A Thomson 82; P S de Villiers 5 for 64)

Second Innings

B A Young c Cullinan b McMillan 51
D J Murray lbw b de Villiers 0
*K R Rutherford c Commins b McMillan 6
M D Crowe c Richardson b McMillan .. 10
S P Fleming c Richardson b Jack 31
S A Thomson b Cronje 35
†A C Parore run out 1
M N Hart c Richardson b Kirsten 8
S P Doull c Richardson b de Villiers 19
D K Morrison c McMillan b de Villiers .. 12
C Pringle not out 6
Extras (lb 11, nb 4) 15
Total 192

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-11, 3-28, 4-81, 5-144, 6-144, 7-153, 8-153, 9-179.

BOWLING: de Villiers 31.2-10-56-3; Jack 15-3-45-1, McMillan 30-8-53-3, Matthews 12-3-17-0, Cronje 10-6-10-1; Kirsten 2-2-0-1.

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings 226 (S P Doull 5 for 73)

Second Innings

A C Hudson c Parore b Doull 6
G Kirsten not out 19
J B Commins not out 10
Extras (lb 4, nb 2) 6
Total (1 wkt) 41

FALL OF WICKET: 1-20.

BOWLING: Doull 8-4-5-1, Morrison 7-0-22-0; Hart 4-1-10-0.

Umpires: C Mitchley (SA) and Khizar Hayat (Pakistan)

CHARLIE VARLEY



Lanoe, left, takes on Blower, of South West, during West's 1-0 defeat in the under-18 division at Bristol yesterday

Newton's goals put Midlands in charge

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

THE three-day divisional hockey tournament for young players from across England started promisingly yesterday on two synthetic surfaces at Clifton College, Bristol, where a high standard was maintained.

By mid-afternoon keen rivalry had developed at under-18 level between South East, the holders, and Midlands. Each had won a match in the morning and, although there is some way to go, much seemed to depend on the outcome of this encounter, which Midlands won 3-1.

After a frenetic start, Stuart Williams, for Midlands, failed to beat Giles Dakin, the South East goalkeeper, with a penalty stroke. But a goal by John Newton late in the first half put them ahead, and Keith Reesby scored another from a short corner early in the second half. Although David Matthews reduced the deficit, Newton claimed his second goal towards the end.

Earlier, Newton had scored the only goal of the match for Midlands against East and South East had beaten West 3-0. South West beat West 1-0 with a second-half goal by Steven Bates.

At under-16 level Adrian Wilkinson scored three times for South West in a 6-1 victory over North East. East defeated North West 4-1 with two goals each for Sam Ornbo and Mark Moffat. Alex Partakis replied for North West.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Chicago 105 Boston 97; Cleveland 91 Washington 75; New York 101 Detroit 93; Utah 117 Indiana 95; Seattle 121 Philadelphia 102.

INTERNATIONAL: Iceland 74 England 89 (Huggins 18, Dunkley 17, Scantlebury 14, Youngs 12, Brown 10). Teams level at 1-1 in three-match series (in Reykjavik).

BELGRADE: International tournament: PAOK Salonika (Gr) 96 Red Star Belgrade 89, Limoges (Fr) 78 Partizan Belgrade 77.

CRICKET

CAPE TOWN: Tour match (final day of four): Western Province 436 (H D Ackerman 118, E Simons 102 not out, J Kallis 53, D Rundle 50) and 270-8 dec (J Kallis 57 not out), Pakistanis 308 (Saeed Anwar 61, Asif Mujtaba 55, Basit Ali 53) and 206 (Asif Mujtaba 65, Inzamam-ul-Haq 57; Rundle 6-51). Western Province won by 192 runs.

SYDNEY: Tour match (first day of three): Zimbabweans 284-6 dec (A Flower 139 not out, M H Dekker 52). Queensland 39-1.

PORT ELIZABETH: Tour match (final day of four): Eastern Province 196 (K C Wessels 48, Muralitharan 6-42), Sri Lankans 125-5. Match drawn.

DARTS

PURFLEET: Essex Proton world championships: Group B: L Butler (US) bt K Deller (Eng) 3-1. Group C: S Brown (US) bt J Watkins (US) 3-0; J Harvey (Scot) bt J Watkins (US) 3-2. Group D: S Burgess (Eng) bt E Bristow (Eng) 3-0. Group E: R Gardner (Eng) bt J Umberger (US) 3-1. Group F: S Downs (US) bt G Verrier (US) 3-0. Group G: D Smith (Eng) bt A Warriner (Eng) 3-1; A Warriner (Eng) bt T Kirby (Ire) 3-2.

FOOTBALL

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Millwall 3 Chelsea 5.

Wednesday's results

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Aston Villa 3 Chelsea 0; Ipswich 0 Arsenal 2; Liverpool 2 Manchester City 0; Manchester United 1 Leicester 1; Queens Park Rangers 2 Southampton 2; Sheffield Wednesday 5 Coventry 1; Wimbledon 1 West Ham 0. Postponed: Blackburn v Leeds United.

ENDSLEIGH LEAGUE: First division: Middlesbrough 2 Notts County 1, Port Vale 0 Reading 2; Wolves 2 Charlton 0. Second division: Bradford 1 Hull 0; Cambridge 0 York 0; Cardiff 0 Birmingham 1. Third division: Postponed: Wigan v Preston.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Second division: Hampton 1 Metropolitan Police 1. Third division: Feltham and Hounslow B 1 Epsom and Ewell 2.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Postponed: Bristol Rovers v Ipswich.

FA CHALLENGE VASE: Third round replay: Postponed: Liskeard v Tunbridge Wells.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: FA Premier League Under-19 Trophy: Essex 5 Norfolk 0. St Clement Danes Under-19 Trophy: Essex B 5 Norfolk B 0.

HOCKEY

BRISTOL: Divisional tournament: Under-18: Midlands 1 East 0, West 0 South East 3; North West 1, North East 1; South West 1, West 0; South East 1, Midlands 8; East 1, North West 2; North East 2 South West 4 Under-16: North West 1, North East 3, South West 0, West 4, South East 1, Midlands 1; East 4, North West 1, North East 1, South B; West 3, South East 3; Midlands 5 East 1.

ICE HOCKEY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Bracknell 5 Milton Keynes 3. First division: Lee Valley 5 Slough 6; Teeside 7 Dumfries 12.

EUROPEAN CUP: Third round: Group one (in Helsinki): Olomouc (Cz) 3 Tivali Minsk (Belo) 1, Jokerit (Fin) 9 Pardaugava Riga (Lat) 4. Final group positions (won, lost, tied): 1, Jokerit 3-0-0; 2, Olomouc 1-2-0; 3, Riga 1-2-0; 4, Minsk 1-2-0. Group two (in Turku, Finland): Lada Togliatti (Russ) 9 Dukla Trencin (Slovakia) 2; TPS Turku 4 Malmö (Swe) 1. Final group positions: 1, Lada Togliatti 2-0-1; 2, TPS Turku 2-0-1; 3, Malmö 1-2-0; 4, Dukla Trencin 0-3-0.

DAVOS, Switzerland: Spengler Cup: Feerjestads (Swe) 3 Canada 2; Traktor Chelyabinsk 4 IFK Helsinki (Fin) 2.

RUGBY UNION

Representative match

Middlesex 3 Italy Fed Dev XV 50

SNOOKER

IRTHLINGBOROUGH: Dr Martens European League: A McManus (Scot) bt K Doherty (Ire) 5-3; S Davis (Eng) bt J White (Eng) 6-2.

TABLE TENNIS

WOKING: International series: England 4 China 2 (England names first). A Cooke lost to Xiong Ka 21-19, 19-21, 20-22; C Prean bt Jiang Shan 22-24, 21-17, 23-21; M Syed bt Li Jing 21-9, 24-22; Cooke bt Li 21-15, 21-17; Prean lost to Xiong 18-21, 19-21; Syed bt Jiang 21-10, 21-19.

POOLS DIVIDENDS

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SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Söll	5	20	poor	varied	closed	fair	4	26/12
(Only three pistes open; hard in morning, soft by afternoon)								
St Anton	5	115	fair	varied	worn	sun	6	26/12
(Spring-like conditions; sunny and mild; snow forecast)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	10	100	fair	varied	fair	cloud	4	28/12
(Good snow at altitude but big queues to get there)								
Chamonix	0	200	fair	heavy	closed	föhn	6	26/12
(Heavy snow conditions due to warm weather)								
La Plagne	20	70	fair	heavy	some	fine	5	28/12
(A few rocks, otherwise pistes good down to 2,150 metres)								
Tignes	40	120	good	heavy	poor	fine	-2	28/12
(Best skiing on less-crowded upper runs; icy lower runs)								
Val Thorens	40	120	good	crust	open	sun	1	28/12
(Good snow on crowded upper slopes; 26 of 30 lifts open)								
ITALY								
Cervinia	10	200	good	varied	poor	fine	1	28/12
(Good piste skiing on upper slopes; 18 of 27 lifts open)								
SWITZERLAND								
Mürren	10	60	fair	heavy	poor	sun	2	28/12
(Respectable skiing conditions above 2,200 metres)								
Verbier	25	120	fair	varied	poor	fine	3	28/12
(Good skiing on Mont Fort but pistes very busy)								
Zermatt	20	145	good	varied	poor	fine	0	28/12
(Generally good skiing though very windy at altitude)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

MOOD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

JUNGLI

(b) An inhabitant of the jungle. 1920, *Blackwatch Magazine*: "Just oneself with half a dozen of one's men and some jungli villagers."

NAIO

(c) An evergreen tree, *Myoporum sandwicense*, of the family Myoporaceae, native to Hawaii and bearing clusters of pink or white flowers; also called bastard sandalwood, as its wood is fragrant. "The naio is a common dry forest tree, with relatives in New Zealand, whose roots become fragrant on drying."

NAGSMAN

(a) A skilled horseman who is employed to train or show horses. 1891 W. A. Kerr, *Practical Horsemanship*: "The nagsman who will ride him up and down the yard is pretty certain to be an artist in the saddle, one who, as he gets 'the office', rides either to sell or to buy."

JITO

(c) In the Japanese feudal system: a military land steward. "A fierce military commander appoints the jitos, or revenue officers, who are stationed in every township to levy the portion of the produce claimed by the Crown."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1, ... exd2!; 2, Bd1 (otherwise ... Nc3 mate) ... Ncb4; 3, Nxd2 Nc3 mate.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

UNIBOND NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Marine v Winsford. First division: Radcliffe v Great Harwood, Worksop v Congleton.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Walton and Hersham v Purfleet (7.45). First division: Bognor Regis v Tooting and Mitcham.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Bury Town v Ashford.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Cwmbran v Ebbw Vale; Mold v Llansantffraid; Porthmadog v Connah's Quay (7.45).

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Diss v Lowestoft; Great Yarmouth v Fakenham, Haverhill v Hadleigh; Tiptree v Felixstowe; Wroxham v Watton.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Bootle v Holker Old Boys.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Littlehampton v Southwick; Whitehawk v Arundel.

FA VASE: Third round replays: Elmore v Wick.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Cobh Ramblers v Bohemians; Shelbourne v Dundalk (7.45); Sligo v Galway; Athlone v St Patrick's Ath (8.0).

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Portadown v Distillery.

RUGBY UNION

Club matches

Llanharan v Rumney (7.15) .....
Nottingham v Northampton (7.15) .....

RUGBY LEAGUE

Silk Cut Challenge Cup

Second round

Blackpool v Thornhill (2.30) .....

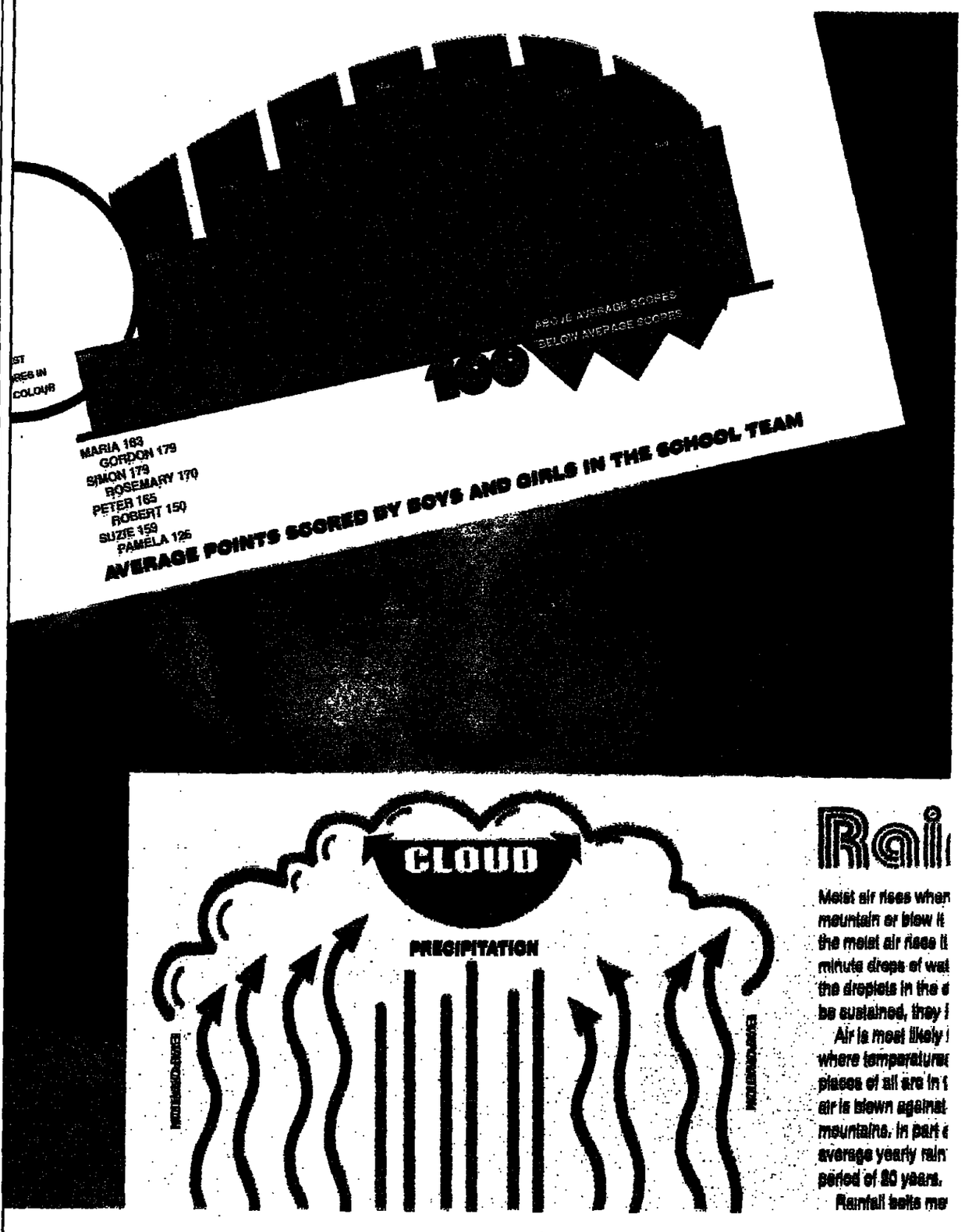
OTHER SPORT

DARTS: WDC world championship (Circus Tavern, Purfleet).

TABLE TENNIS: England v China (Stourbridge).

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Defections and injuries temper Welsh year of recovery



GERALD DAVIES
Rugby Commentary

With the end of the year upon them, Bob Norster and Alan Davies, the manager and coach, respectively, of the Wales team, will reflect that matters could have been much better at this stage. Looking back, they will be happy to consider the high points. In looking forward, they may not feel so at ease.

With three successes in the five nations' championship, Wales took the title last season for the first time since 1988; the previous occasion was in 1979. Wales went on to qualify for the World Cup courtesy of two victories in Iberia, and, having lost only their final game on the summer tour to Canada and the South Seas, proceeded to defeat Romania and Italy and so position themselves in the pool of their choice in South Africa next summer.

Any temptation to bask in this will have been resisted. The opposition was, after all, like the chocolate selection box which some of us still gratefully receive in our Christmas stocking. A couple of the choice morsels have manifestly greater flavour and attract everyone's attention, while others are known, despite a colourful wrapping and appetising appearance, to be somewhat soft in the centre with no lasting appeal.

We can still, therefore, savour the victory against France, but those successes against Spain and Portugal, important though they were for the World Cup, did not linger long.

The climb to international respectability is a gradual one and cannot be accomplished in one mighty leap, as South Africa well know. But in Wales's case, it is proving treacherous, too. All sorts of unexpected hazards have crossed their path and Wales have been almost powerless to overcome them.

In the three years after the 1988 five nations' championship, Wales lost 13 players to rugby league; but the defection of Richard Webster, Scott Gibbs and Scott Quinnell, in the last year or so, has had a severely debilitating effect on Wales's immediate development. No country could cope with such a continuous dismantling of its team and still expect to remain a powerful force.

Through all this, Norster and Davies have retained an air of admirable equanimity, not to say humour. But even their reserves of joviality must be wearing thin, not by any further mischief wrought by the men bearing gifts and waving cheque books from the north, but by a more random chapter of accidents.

Until last weekend, five of the back division which ended the season against England last March were on the injury list — Mike Rayer, Ieuan Evans, Nigel Davies, Nigel Walker and Rupert Moon. Of these, only Moon played against South Africa last month, and, although he has not played since, it is likely that he will be available for selection for the game against France on January 21. Only Walker, of the others, will join him.

In addition, Emyr Lewis, who played at No 8 against South Africa, also injured his ankle so badly recently that he will not be fit enough for the first match of 1995. Hemi Taylor, the New Zealander in Wales's ranks, who would have replaced him, is also unavailable.

But this is not all. Ricky Evans, the loose-head prop, broke his nose while playing for the Barbarians against Leicester this week. The injury may not be as serious, perhaps, for a front row forward, as it might be for a wing, but it will be touch and go.

All these are serious when preparing for the international campaign that is about to start; but there is even more. If the new year might have opened with a confidence not found in Wales for many a year, then this was rooted in the fine performance given against South Africa by Derwyn Jones, the 6ft 10in lock. But some doubt has arisen about him in the last week. He has a niggling back injury which will keep him out of Cardiff's league match against Neath tomorrow.

For the first time since Norster put his boots away, Wales were thought, with Jones, to be able to combat the height in the lineout which has given the likes of England and France such supremacy of late. Clearly, there are headaches around long before the new year is seen in. Norster and Davies, in attempting to assuage their woes, might anticipate a Hogmanay knees-up, but the players would be advised to forget it.

For, suddenly, the sort of ill luck that surrounds the Wales team may invest the innocent physical jerks of the hokey-cokey with sinister possibilities. Among the stepping in, stepping out and shaking all about, someone might, heaven forbid, stamp on the priceless right foot of Neil Jenkins. And during the cross arms of *Auld Lang Syne*, Robert Jones's wrists might get twisted. And then where would we be?

Ball faces second ban from touchline

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ALAN BALL faces the second touchline ban of his career after the referee, Keith Cooper, confirmed yesterday that he would be reporting the Southampton manager to the Football Association for remarks he made to a linesman during the 2-2 draw with Queens Park Rangers at Loftus Road on Wednesday.

"Because of what was said I had to ask him to leave the dugout," Cooper said. It is the fourth time Ball has faced disciplinary action after a run-in with officials. In March 1986 Ball was banned from the touchline for a month and fined £250 when, as manager of Portsmouth, he used foul and abusive language to a linesman.

In December 1992, while with Exeter, he was fined £250 for making insulting comments to a linesman and five months later he picked up another £250 fine after coming onto the pitch and having to be restrained from confronting a referee.



Ball: reported to FA

But if Ball's commitment sometimes gets the better of him, his passion for the game also surfaces in more positive ways. He is determined that Southampton should continue in the attacking vein that has resulted in 17 goals in their last four games, although it has brought them only four points.

"I'm sending my teams out to have a go, not to stifle games, but to try to entertain," he said. "With the threat of four going down, we could easily shut up shop and stop people from playing. But I won't be negative to try to get results. The situation of four going down does breed negative stuff. People start to panic — not so much managers, but the powers that be within clubs."

Manchester United, who meet Southampton at The Dell tomorrow, will have to tread warily on the disciplinary front if they are to defend their FA Carling Premiership title succesfully. With Paul Ince out for several weeks with a hamstring strain, United will be keen not to lose Roy Keane through suspension after three bookings in his last four league games has taken him to within one yellow card of an automatic two-match ban.

United ran into disciplinary problems at the end of last season. Though they did not cost them the title, they cannot afford a repeat, as Alex Ferguson, the United manager, effectively acknowledged during the 1-1 draw with Leicester City at Old Trafford. Ferguson withdrew Mark Hughes after the Wales striker was warned by Dermott Gallagher, the referee, for a second-half challenge. Hughes had already been cautioned.

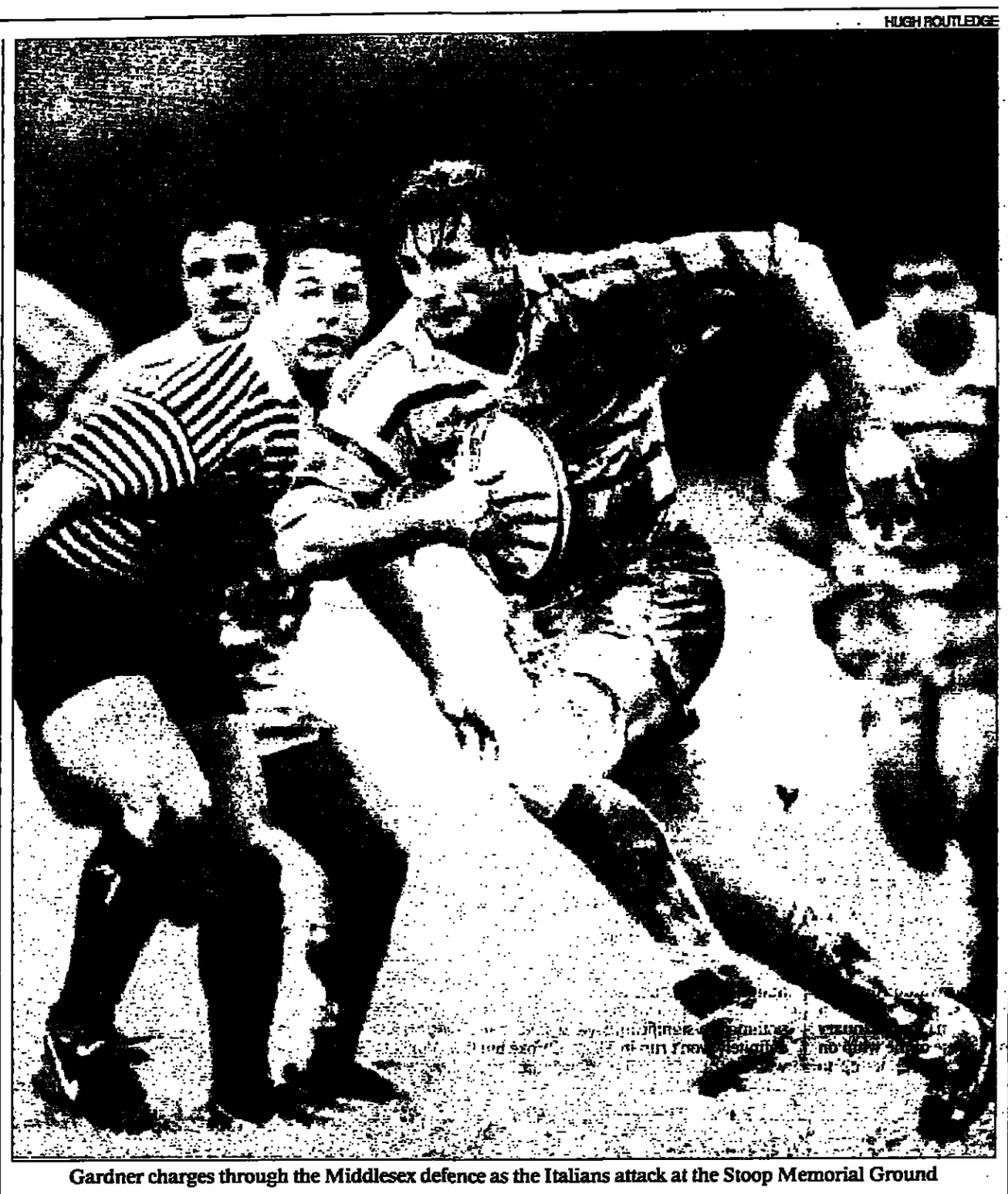
George Burley, who took over as manager of Ipswich on Wednesday, called his squad in for training only 12 hours after the 2-0 defeat against Arsenal at Portman Road. "Although I've only seen Ipswich play two or three times this season I've already got my own ideas on how we can improve things," Burley said. "Number one is to play much better as a unit. But time is against us and we are two points adrift at the bottom of the table.

"The priority has got to be to stay in the Premiership and I need the players to learn my ways very quickly. That's why there is no day off for them after the Arsenal match. We've got to set about things right away."

Burley said that Phil Whelan, the defender who was sent off for dissent after being booked for a late tackle on Ian Wright, would be subject to the club's disciplinary code. "He swears he did not foul Wright," Burley said, "but I was very disappointed by the way he got sent off. If the referee's report confirms it was dissent, Phil will be fined."

Martin Keown's dismissal for a second bookable offence made it a ten-a-side game, but Arsenal were already ahead after Wright had scored in the sixteenth minute. Kevin Campbell added a second 11 minutes before the end.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Gardner charges through the Middlesex defence as the Italians attack at the Stoop Memorial Ground

Middlesex suffer Italian surprise

Middlesex 3
Italian XV 50

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

CHRISTMAS is a period for self-indulgence, but Middlesex bit off more than they could chew at the Stoop Memorial Ground yesterday. Not that it was entirely their fault. They expected an Italian development XV and found themselves faced with a complete World Cup squad, less a quartet of injured players.

Italy, having enjoyed a heavy international summer and autumn, have no more full internationals until they play Ireland in Milan in May. Therefore, they rousted their senior players during the fortnight's hiatus in the club championship over Christmas for a three-match tour that concludes against Scotland A in Perth on January 7.

On Monday, they will play Surrey at London Irish before travelling north in a complete reversal of England's plans. The countries are drawn together in Durban during the World Cup, but whereas England left yesterday for warm-weather training in Lanzarote, the Italians have headed for the frozen north. "We have plenty of sunshine in Italy," GianCarlo Dondi, their manager, said with only the hint of a smile. "We must toughen ourselves physically, technically and mentally."

That they demolished Middlesex (last outing, a 58-6 defeat of the international community of Dorset and Wiltshire) by six goals, a try and a penalty goal to a solitary penalty goal was no surprise: Italian rugby is as competitive as any and here were nine of the players who lost 29-19 to Wales in October, seven of them survivors from the World Cup match with England in 1991 across the road at Twickenham.

Then, as now, they conceded many penalties, but against Middlesex, who were fielding only one regular first-division player — Ufton — there was no cause for concern. Middlesex, who have not qualified for the southern play-offs of the county championship, could find no way through a tight-knit defence, though they defended bravely enough in the second half, conceding only two tries on a sloppy pitch, with the rain cascading down periodically.

An impassioned address at half-time by Georges Coste, their coach, kept Italian noses to the grindstone, though they lacked nothing in ambition. The best of their seven tries was Ravazzolo's second, prompted by a breakout from Gardner and Orlandi, before the pack poured in and Dominguez chipped to the right for his wing. The little stand-off half also decorated the scoreline with some immaculate kicking, both off the mud and from the hand, concluding his afternoon with 15 points.

SCORERS: Middlesex: Penalty goal: Ufton. Italian XV: Tries: Ravazzolo (2), Massimo Cuttita, Gardner, Marcello Cuttita, Troiani, penalty try. Conversions: Dominguez (6). Penalty goal: Dominguez.

TEAMS

MIDDLESEX: J Ufton (Wasps); C Henderson (London Scottish), A James (Wasps), D Millard (London Scottish), P Hopley (Wasps), S Howard (Blackheath), A Gomarsall (Wasps), M Hobley (Henley), D Macer (Wasps); W Green (Wasps), D Peters (London Irish), R Scott (London Scottish), S Shortland (Wasps), A Fox (Harlequins, captain), E Rolfe (Cambridge University). Macer replaced by J Hamilton-Smith (Harlequins, 40mins), Howard replaced by C Braithwaite (Wasps, 67).

ITALIAN XV: J Perlite (Roma); M Ravazzolo (Calvisano), I Francescato (Treviso), S Bonomi (Milan), Marcello Cuttitta (Milan), D Dominguez (Milan), A Troncon (Treviso), Massimo Cuttita (Milan, captain), C Orlandi (Piacenza), F Properzi (Milan), J Gardner (MDP Roma), R Favaro (Treviso), M Giacheri (Treviso), A Sgorlon (San Dona), D Scaglia (Tarvisium). Bonomi replaced by S Bordon (Rovigo, 40), Ravazzolo replaced by L Troiani (L'Aquila, 54).
Referee: J Wallis (Somerset).

Brave defence evens series for England

ENGLAND went into the third and final basketball match of their series against Iceland all square after beating their hosts 89-74 in Reykjavik yesterday. Their display was a vast improvement on the previous night's 104-94 defeat in Keflavik. "It was a fantastic defensive effort," Mick Byrne, the England team manager, said. "It was a better performance all round. Our players have learnt that you can't afford to let these guys shoot, as every one of them is capable of scoring."

It was England, however, who produced nine scorers, including the top marksman, Roger Huggins, for the second successive night. After amassing 23 points in Keflavik, he added 18, one more than Spencer Dunkley. Peter Scantlebury (14) Pluto Vourliotis (12) and Karl Brown (10) made useful contributions. The only England player not to score was Mark Harvey. The Doncaster player/coach was still in pain from bruising his hand in practice.

Pakistan embarrassed

CRICKET: Dave Rundle, the Western Province off-break bowler, spun Pakistan to an embarrassing 192-run defeat in Cape Town yesterday. He took six for 51 as the touring team, chasing 399, were bundled out for 206. Only Asif Mujtaba, with 65 — his second second half century of the match — and Inzamam-ul-Haq, who made 57, offered serious resistance during a partnership of 85 for the fourth wicket.

Pakistan appeared safe at 168 for three, but after Inzamam swept Rundle to Kallis and Mujtaba missed a straight delivery from Kallis, the tail folded quickly. The last seven wickets went down for 38 runs to give Western Province their first victory over an official touring team.

Baggio talks falter

FOOTBALL: Roberto Baggio's long-term future with Juventus was uncertain yesterday as talks on renewing his contract with the club were put on hold. "We've decided to talk later, when Juventus have a clearer idea of their own plans," Baggio, whose contract expires in June, said. The Italy international, who played a leading role in the World Cup finals in the United States last summer, is 28 in February, but has been troubled by injury this season. The form of Alessandro Del Piero, 20, has encouraged Juventus to warn they will not break the bank to keep Baggio.

New format for women

TENNIS: The Fed Cup, formerly the Federation Cup, has a new format, comprising a world group, a group one and groups by geographical zones. The eight teams in the world group will play a knockout competition. The women's world team championship previously lasted a week at one venue. The world group quarter-finals will be played between April 21 and 23, the semi-finals are on July 22 and 23 and the finial on November 25 and 26.

WORLD GROUP: Quarter-finals: Spain v Bulgaria; Germany v Japan; France v South Africa; United States v Austria.

England wings clipped

RUGBY UNION: The England squad endured a nine-hour journey from Gatwick for winter training in Lanzarote yesterday and the delays were extended further when the airport baggage carousel broke down. Today, the players begin a three-day workout programme designed to prepare them for the five nations' championship and the World Cup in South Africa next year. Three players will be testing injuries; Paul Hull, the full back, has a damaged Achilles tendon and the lock forwards, Simon Shaw and Martin Johnson, have shoulder and knee problems respectively.

Huistra heads for Japan

FOOTBALL: Pieter Huistra, the Rangers winger, is leaving the Glasgow club to sign for the Japanese side, Sanfrecce Hiroshima, in a £350,000 deal. The Dutch international was put on the Ibrox transfer list earlier this season because of the rule of Uefa, the European game's governing body, that restricts clubs to playing three foreigners in European competitions. Ironically, the move comes just as Huistra has been enjoying an outstanding spell in Scotland. "Rangers have been good to me but I am now looking forward to this fresh challenge," Huistra said.

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(IN MEMBERS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: On 20 December 1994 the above companies were placed into Members' Voluntary Liquidation and Martin Fishman of PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT was appointed Liquidator of each of the companies by the Members. The Liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the companies must send details, in writing, of any claim against the companies to M Fishman, PO Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT by 20 February 1995. The Liquidator also gives notice under the provision of Rules 4.182A (6) that on 20 March 1995 he intends to make a final return to creditors who have submitted claims by 20 February 1995 and that there will be no further distribution to creditors. The companies are able to pay all its known creditors in full. M. FISHMAN, Liquidator. Date 21.12.94

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
THE GROCERY PARTNERSHIP LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 20 January 1995 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Eric William Sheppard FIPA of 4,Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
DATED this 22 day of December 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
D. WHITE
DIRECTOR

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receivers
ULTIMATE LEISURE LIMITED
TRAVEL SERVICES LIMITED
ULTIMATE HOLIDAYS LIMITED
ULTIMATE LEISURE HOLDINGS LIMITED
Notice is hereby given that Nicholas Hugh O'Reilly & Stephen Blandford Ryman, both of Clareville House, 26/27 Oxendon Street, London, SW1Y 4EP were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers by the Bank of Scotland on 16 December 1994.

RULE 4.106 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
XTRACOST LIMITED
(FORMERLY DAVID DOYLE ESTATE AGENTS LIMITED)
IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Michael William Young of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed to act as Liquidator of Xtracost Limited by a resolution of meetings of the company's members and creditors held on Friday, 25 December 1994
DATED this 23rd day of December 1994
M W YOUNG - LIQUIDATOR

SIMS & RUSSELL LTD
Registered number: 579729. Trading name: AS ABOVE. Nature of business: CONSTRUCTION. Trade classification: 23 Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 21 DECEMBER 1994 Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK PLC. M I. McKILLOP AND P R SYKES Joint Administrative Receivers, (office holder nos: 5096 and 6119), of ARTHUR ANDERSEN PO BOX 55 1 SURREY STREET LONDON WC2R 2NT.

QUEBEC CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY
4% FIRST MORTGAGE DEBENTURE STOCK
In preparation for the payment of the half-yearly interest due February 1 1995 on the above stock, the transfer books will be closed at 3.30 pm on January 13 1995 and will be re-opened on January 23 1995.
D.R. Keast
Assistant Secretary.
62-65 Trafalgar Square, London. WC2N 5DY
December 30 1994.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receivers.
TRANS AMERICA HOLIDAYS LIMITED
Notice is hereby given that Nicholas Hugh O'Reilly & Stephen Blandford Ryman, both of Clareville House, 26/27 Oxendon Street, London SW1Y 4EP were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers, by the Bank of Scotland on 16 December 1994.

RED LION MARQUEES LIMITED
IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of creditors of the above-named company will be held a Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD on Thursday 19th January 1995 at 10.00am for the purpose of receiving a report prepared by the Joint Administrative Receivers and, if thought fit, to establish a Creditors' Committee to exercise the functions conferred on it under the Insolvency Act 1986.
Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged, together with any claim to be made by the creditors, at the offices of the Joint Administrative Receivers, Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD no later than 12.00 noon on Wednesday 18th January 1995. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
DATED this 22nd day of December 1994. D J MASON - JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER

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Featherstone decide on Currier swap

FEATHERSTONE Rovers have agreed a swap deal with Warrington, releasing Andy Currier, the former Great Britain rugby league centre, in exchange for the Wales internationals, Kevin Ellis and Rowland Phillips (Christopher Irvine writes).

Tawera Nikau, the Castleford and New Zealand loose forward, was fined £100 by the Rugby Football League disciplinary committee, but escaped a ban for his dismissal for punching in the Regal Trophy win at Dewsbury last week, after his disciplinary record was taken into account.

North Queensland Cowboys and Brisbane Broncos are interested in signing Peaufai Leuila, the former Tonga rugby union three-quarter, who was released by St Helens yesterday, after failing to secure a work permit.

Corby relish underdogs' role

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

THERE was no more startling result on Boxing Day than the 3-1 win by Corby Town over Hednesford Town in the Beazer Homes League premier division. For Corby, at the bottom of the table and battered by boardroom intrigue and managerial chopping and changing, it was only the second win of the season; for Hednesford, the leaders, it was only their second defeat.

After a roll call of managers embracing Gerry McElhinney and Bryn Gunn, Ian Allinson (one day), Steve Buckley (two weeks) and Bev Ironmonger (caretaker), stability has begun to return to Corby under Pat Rayment, a player at the club for the past eight seasons.

The chief contributor to Rayment's first success in charge was Glenn Beech, an experienced midfield player Rayment had signed from Sudbury Town. Beech scored from free kicks in the 47th and ninetieth minutes of his debut, the second after a new loan signing, Darren Robinson, from Nuneaton Borough, had been sent off for joining a melee provoked by a foul on Beech. Corby's other goal was scored by Brett McNamara.

Ironically, Gunn, the former Nottingham Forest player, played for Hednesford, having been released from a playing contract that had kept him at Corby even after the arrival of Steve Evans, in a short-lived tenure as chairman, had brought an end to his spell as manager.

With Evans's own demise, the previous board has been reconstituted under Gerry Incles, the former vice-chairman. John McGhee, of the management committee, said: "We've never been a well-supported club, even though the town is bigger than Kettering. They average 2,000, but we get only 200 to 300, but they were a very excited crowd on Boxing Day. We now look forward to trying to ensure our survival in the premier division. It'll take only four wins for us to close the gap above us."

Corby's surprise victory did a big favour to Cheltenham Town who, with two matches in hand, cut Hednesford's lead to eight points by winning 2-1 at Gloucester City before a crowd of 3,018 in a passionate derby. Goals by Christer Warren and Jason Eaton in five minutes shortly after half-time secured Cheltenham's victory.

In the Vauxhall Conference, Kidderminster Harriers have a swift chance to avenge their 1-0 home defeat by Bromsgrove Rovers before the season's biggest crowd of 4,347 when they travel to the Victoria Ground as the Boxing Day fixtures are reversed on New Year Bank Holiday Monday.

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Large Action can benefit from Christmas holiday

By Julian Muscat

TO BORROW from a well-known Christmas carol, the festive season brought tidings of severe discomfort and precious little joy to the world of National Hunt racing. The eclipse of Danoli and the defection yesterday of Fortune And Fame — not to mention the falls of Barton Bank, Jodami, One Man and Merry Gale — has immersed both the Champion Hurdle and Gold Cup pictures in a mudbath, almost as deep as the prevailing ground in which many reputations suffered.

In retrospect, perhaps the best place for horses over Christmas was to be locked safely away in their boxes as torrential rain extracted a heavy toll from Leopardstown, Wetherby and Kempton. Doubtless, the happiest man was Oliver Sherwood, the trainer of Large Action, who bypassed Kempton's quagmire in favour of what has disintegrated into an easy race at Windsor on Monday.

Large Action, promoted to Champion Hurdle favouritism by Ladbrokes after Danoli's lack-lustre showing on Wednesday, should win with total authority from a maximum of three humble opponents. However, as far Cheltenham is concerned, punters are sure to cast their nets far and wide. The performance of just about any horse with potential will be scrutinised in minute detail.

One such Champion Hurdle prospect is Relkeel, already 6-1 joint-second favourite with Ladbrokes. Relkeel has yet to be properly tested, although the Haydock Park Champion Hurdle Trial on January 21 should add definition to his chances. As he reflects on the carnage of Christmas, David Nicholson must now look back on the wisdom of postponing the chasing debut of Brigadier Roscoe Harvey's grey five-year-old.

That decision, initially the subject of some friction between owner and trainer, looks more inspired with each passing day. "Even the Brigadier is starting to get quite excited about the Champion Hurdle now," said Alan King, Nicholson's assistant. "David plans to keep dodging about with Relkeel until Cheltenham. There is another race at Haydock, the Select Hurdle on February 24, where he could complete his preparation."

On the Gold Cup front, the Nicholson-trained Barton Bank, clear favourite at 5-1 with Corals, is likely to turn out for the Pillar Property Investments Chase at Cheltenham on January 28. The same race is on the agenda for Raymylette, another who enters the Gold Cup equation after his defeat of Dubacilla in the Betterware Cup at Ascot. Dubacilla herself is on target for the Anthony Mildmay Peter Cazalet Memorial Chase, at Sandown a week tomorrow.

Monsieur Le Cure heads for Haydock and the Peter Marsh Chase on January 21. "He is absolutely fine after his King George run when second to Algan," his trainer, John Edwards, said yesterday. "I couldn't have been happier as he still has improvement in him. He will have one more outing after Haydock but we will keep our options open."

Silver Wedge, the Triumph Hurdle favourite, could take on older horses in the Tolworth Hurdle at Sandown a week tomorrow, when he would run into the Sherwood-trained Callisoe Bay. Sherwood's other unbeaten novice, Berude Not To, contests the Challow Hurdle at Newbury tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Docklands Express, a stalwart of the jumping scene, may have run his last race. The gelding, who turns 13 on Sunday, has undergone surgery to remove a bone growth from his near-fore joint. Docklands Express best demonstrated his appetite for the jumping game in the 1991-92 season, when he reached the frame in the Hennessy, King George, Racing Post Trophy, Gold Cup and the Grand National. Were it that the present generation of chasers were so reliable at their fences.

Newbury off

The meeting scheduled for Newbury today was abandoned after a late inspection yesterday because of waterlogging. There will be a further inspection at 3pm today to decide prospects for tomorrow's fixture there, which includes the rescheduled Coral Welsh National.

Dunwoody reaches century

CHAMPION jockey Richard Dunwoody reached another notable landmark yesterday when riding a century of winners before the turn of the year for the first time.

He beat his previous fastest 100 — achieved on February 2 last season — when Orswell Lad provided him with the third leg of a 72-1 four-timer. Dunwoody had been successful in the first two races on the odds-on favourites, Bimsey and Valfinet, and completed a fine day with victory on Mugoni Beach. He was only nine days short of the fastest century, achieved by Peter Scudamore in 1988-89 season.

Now the 30-year-old Ulsterman, champion for the last two seasons, is aiming for his first double century, having ended last season on 197. "It's always my aim to beat last year's score," he said.

The new method of deciding the jockeys' title next season — based on prize-money instead of winners — is unlikely to make Dunwoody take things easier. "Who knows what's going to happen? I just want to carry on riding winners."

His main rival for the title, Adrian Maguire, received a three-day ban, from January 7-9, for misuse of the whip on Greville Again, runner-up to Orswell Lad.

Weld withdraws top hurdler at Leopardstown

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Kevin O'Brien and The Right Article part company in spectacular style at Leopardstown

Fortune And Fame's return delayed

From Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent, at Leopardstown

TWENTY FOUR hours after Tom Foley paid the price for running Danoli when Ireland's hurdling star was under the weather, Dermot Weld scratched Fortune And Fame from his intended seasonal reappearance in the Bookmakers Hurdle here yesterday. The race was won by the Paddy Mullins-trained Boro Eight, who will carry a 4lb penalty in The Ladbroke on January 14.

"I was not totally happy with Fortune And Fame's blood picture when I had it checked this morning and the wisest thing to do was not to run, particularly with the ground as bad as it is. It is nothing too significant," Weld said. "He definitely won't run in The Ladbroke but will go for the Irish Champion Hurdle on January 22."

The AIG Europe-sponsored race has attracted a high-class entry with Danoli, Large Action, Montelado and Granville Again among the likely challengers for the Ir£50,000 purse.

Fortune And Fame, winner of eight of his ten starts over hurdles, has been blighted by setbacks during his jumping career. He suffered a serious tendon injury on Weld's gallop, which kept him off the racecourse for 20 months after a successful season as a novice in 1991-92.

After returning better than ever to win the Bookmakers Hurdle and the Irish Champion Hurdle last season, the seven-year-old was installed as favourite for the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham in March, but missed the race after been cast in his box.

Vintage Crop, sixth in the 1993 Champion Hurdle, is not likely to reappear over hurdles while the ground remains soft and has not been entered for the Irish Champion Hurdle. "If the weather improves and it is reasonably mild in January and February and we get some good ground, he will reappear towards the end of February," Weld said.

Danoli will remain out in a field at Tom Foley's Co Kilkenny yard for the rest of the week before being examined by a vet. Foley has decided against starting Ireland's top hurdler on a course of antibiotics after a recent spate of coughing. "I am never going to allow myself to be put under pressure to run him again. I felt I would be letting Leopardstown down if he didn't run," Foley said yesterday.

William Hill's betting on the Champion Hurdle is: 5-1 Danoli, Large Action, 7-1 Relkeel, 10-1 Fortune And Fame, Montelado, 12-1 Atours, 16-1 Flakey Dove, 20-1 Absalom's Lady, Oh So Risky.

Marksmen can rely on Clarke's coaching experience

By Our Rifle Shooting Correspondent

EXPERIENCE of the notorious Wellington wind could be the key to the Great Britain rifle shooting team's defence of the world title and the Commonwealth team championship at Trentham, New Zealand, next month. All eight countries involved — Britain, Australia, New Zealand, the United States, South Africa, Canada, the Channel Islands and Germany — have top-class marksmen, but team events at this level are usually won or lost on the quality of wind-coaching and this is one of the aspects of the sport at which Britain excels.

The 16 shooters in the British selection are being guided by four coaches, under the direction of the main coach, Arthur Clarke. At 71, Clarke is the oldest member of the party in New Zealand. He won a Commonwealth Games gold medal when he was 59 and has vast experience, particularly of the Wellington wind, which blows erratically through the valley in which the Trentham Ranges are situated.

Those who will be reaping the reward of Clarke's expertise include the Commonwealth Games champion, S/Ldr David Calvert, of the RAF, and the pairs silver medal-winners, Glyn Barnett and Antony Ringer. Ringer, from Norfolk, the top scorer in the 1992 world match, with 449 out of 450, has also won the Queen's Prize and the Canadian Governor-General's Prize and Grand Aggregate. This time, there is a separate individual world championship competition.

The youngest member of the British team is Andrew Luckman, 22, from Somerset, who won his place last January after taking both the New Zealand Queen's Prize and the Grand Aggregate, following it up with the Bisley Grand Aggregate.

Other Queen's Prize winners competing include a double winner, Andrew Tucker, and John Pugsley. Clarke is a double winner of the Bisley Grand Aggregate, which has also been held by Barnett, John Bellringer, John Warburton and Tucker.

Peter Bromley and Danny Coleman are both holders of the Canadian equivalent of the Queen's Prize and Bromley, Clarke, Pugsley, Warburton, Andy Chown and Jeremy Langley have all won the Canadian Grand.

Jane Messer, of Sussex, set an individual record, 199 out of 200, in the Australia Match last year and Sarah Kent, of Surrey, became the second woman in the team after an outstanding performance on the same Antipodes tour.

The biggest challenges to Britain appear likely to come from Australia and the United States, with South Africa, back in both events for the first time since 1976, emerging as a possible dark horse.

The Palma Trophy (for the world team championship) was set up by the United States in 1876 to celebrate the centenary of American Independence and is now competed for at intervals of between three and five years. Britain's 1992 win was their first for 22 years. British teams have won the Commonwealth event, the Australia Match, on the last five occasions. The Commonwealth team championship will be held on January 15, the individual world championship from January 17 to 19 and the world team championship from January 21 to 22.

DETAILS

BRITISH TEAM: Captain: C Cheshire (Hants). Vice-captain: M Pattinson (Warwicks). Adjutant: J Carmichael (Worcs). Main coach: A Clarke (Hants). Coaches: N Hinchliffe (Cheshire), P Kent (Surrey), W Richards (Surrey), M Townsend (Herts). Shooters: G Barnett (Norfolk), J Bellringer (Surrey), P Bromley (Kent), D Calvert (N Ire), A Chown (Surrey), D Coleman (Surrey), A Jones (Warwicks), Mrs S Kent (Surrey), A Lothian (Surrey), A Luckman (Somerset), Miss J Messer (Sussex), S Penrose (Essex), J Pugsley (Devon), A Ringer (Norfolk), A Tucker (Surrey), J Warburton (Yorks). Armourer: E McGibbon (Surrey).

PROGRAMME: Jan 7: International v New Zealand. 8: Wellington individual Championship. 12-14: New Zealand Individual Championships and Queen's Prize. 15: v Australia (Commonwealth team championship). 17-19: Individual World Championship (800, 900 and 1,000yd). 21-22: Palma Trophy World Team Championship (800, 900 and 1,000yd).

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12.50 Huge Mistake
1.20 Desert President
1.50 Jailbreaker
2.20 Elite Reg
2.50 Keano
3.20 Super Ritchart

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.20 ELITE REG.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell, P — pulled up, U — unseated rider, B — brought down, S — slipped up, R — refused, D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B — blinkers, V — visor, H — hood, E — Eyeshield. C — course winner, D — distance winner, CD — course and distance winner, BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard, G — good, S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (CHASE COURSE): HEAVY (HURDLES) SIS

12.50 PYTCHLEY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,250: 2m) (10 runners)

1 226116 SMART IN SABLE 29 (V,G,S) (C Silverthorne) P Hedger 7-11-5 M Richards 78
2 224 BALLYEA BOY 30 (D Barry) D Nicholson 4-10-12 R Massey —
3 0 BENDOR MARK 13 (C Courage) M Wilkinson 6-10-12 G McCourt —
4 COOLINNY (D McCain) D McCain 5-10-12 D McCain —
5 232-503 GO BALLISTIC 9 (S) (Mrs B Lockhart) J O'Shea 5-10-12 W Marston 97
6 6-12326 HUGE MISTAKE 13 (G) (Windrush Racing) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-12 T Jenks
7 1-043 NATIVE ALLIANCE 28 (S) (Mrs L Sewell) M Pipe 5-10-12 R Dunwoody 76
8 00/P POSEHILL 29 (P Curtin) P Hobbs 8-10-12 I Lawrence —
9 STORMING ROY (J Adam) A Turnell 5-10-12 L Harvey —
10 0R-P0 SUPERFORCE 4 (A Coogan) A Coogan 7-10-12 J McLaughlin —

BETTING: 3-1 Huge Mistake, 7-2 Native Alliance, 9-2 Smart In Sable, 6-1 Ballyea Boy, 8-1 others.

1993: RELKEEL 4-11-4 A Maguire (2-7 fav) D Nicholson 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

SMART IN SABLE 13¾l 6th of 11 to Southampton in handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m, good). BALLYEA BOY 3¾l 4th of 22 to Wisley Wonder in National Hunt flat race at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good). GO BALLISTIC 4¾l 3rd of 12 to Sublime Fellow in novice hurdle at Ludlow (2m, good). HUGE MISTAKE 12¾l 6th of 20 to Spinrakes in novice hurdle at Nottingham (2m, good to soft). NATIVE ALLIANCE 8l 3rd of 12 to Shining Light in novice hurdle at Exeter (2¼m, good).

Selection: HUGE MISTAKE

1.20 HOBY SELLING HURDLE (£1,960: 2m) (8 runners)

1 02- SABEEL 392 (P Slip) T George 5-11-2 T Jenks 95
2 0 AFFIRM 17 (B) (Elite Racing Club) C Egerton 4-10-7 A Procter —
3 22U2 ALASKAN HEIR 14 (J Burton) A Forbes 3-10-7 T Eley 93
4 00 CASSIO'S BOY 35 (V) (Lyonshall Racing) R Eckley 4-10-7 I Lawrence —
5 P3 DESERT PRESIDENT 22 (Trent Park Golf Club) R Hoad 3-10-7 M Hourigan
6 02 MINT A MILLION 28 (H Promotions Ltd) M Blanshard 3-10-7 D Gallagher 98
7 0 PRINCERULLAH 92 (Miss F Fenley) C Broad 3-10-7 P Maddock —
8 66P6 KIRSTYS LARK 28 (B) (D Wheatley) J Pickering 3-10-2 W Worthington 80

BETTING: 2-1 Mint A Million, 5-2 Desert President, 4-1 Alaskan Heir, 5-1 Sabeel, 10-1 Affirm, 14-1 others.

1993: TOUCH SILVER 3-10-5 Mr Richard White (11-2) H Manners 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

SABEEL 4l 2nd of 14 to Don't Forget Marie in claiming hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, good to soft). ALASKAN HEIR 8l 2nd of 12 to Petitjean in selling hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, soft). DESERT PRESIDENT 5¾l 3rd of 8 to Viceroy Ruler in hurdle at Fakenham (2m, good). MINT A MILLION ¾l 2nd of 12 to Nahri in claiming hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, good), with KIRSTYS LARK (4lb better off) 28l 5th.

Selection: ALASKAN HEIR

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J White	5	13	38.5	M Richards	5	25	20.0
M Pipe	23	72	31.9	M A Fitzgerald	4	23	17.4
N Twiston-Davies	5	18	27.8	W Marston	4	33	12.1
D Nicholson	12	44	27.3				
B Palling	3	11	27.3	Only qualifiers			

1.50 LEICESTERSHIRE SILVER FOX HANDICAP CHASE
(£6,004: 2m 4f 110yd) (6 runners)

1 05510-5 CATCH THE CROSS 27 (B,CD,F,G,S) (D Bennick) K Morgan 8-11-12 A S Smith
2 11064-4 LUMBERJACK 4 (B,D,G,S) (Elite Racing Club) C Egerton 10-11-11 A Procter 97
3 /5/12F- CELTIC BARLE 246 (G,S) (Mrs I Hodge) H Hodge 10-10-5 Richard Guest 89
4 452112 DR ROCKET 27 (BF,F,G,S) (The Rocketeers) R Dickin 9-10-5 D Meredith 93
5 U22-222 JAILBREAKER 16 (CD,G,S) (Jack-Del-Roy) B Millman 8-10-3 R Dunwoody 98
6 31340-5 BARELY BLACK 42 (D,S) (J Casaril) N Babbage 6-10-0 W Humphreys 81

Long handicap: Barely Black 8-8.

BETTING: 6-4 Jailbreaker, 5-2 Dr Rocket, 3-1 Catch The Cross, 6-1 Lumberjack, 16-1 Celtic Barle, 33-1 Barely Black.

1993: SHEER ABILITY 7-10-10 R Dunwoody (Evens fav) C Mann 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

CATCH THE CROSS tailed off 5th of 6 to Clyde Ranger in handicap chase at Wetherby (3m 110yd, good). LUMBERJACK tailed off 4th of 5 to General Pershing in handicap chase at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, good). CELTIC BARLE 5l 2nd of 6 to Brabazon in novice chase at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, heavy) on penultimate start. DR ROCKET 6l 2nd of 3 to Star Of Italy in handicap chase at Towcester (2m 110yd, soft). JAILBREAKER 3l 2nd of 8 to Edimbourg in handicap chase at Exeter (2m 7f 110yd, soft). BARELY BLACK 16¾l 5th of 7 to Mr Entertainer in handicap chase at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, good).

Selection: JAILBREAKER (nap)

2.20 QUORN NOVICES CLAIMING CHASE
(£2,562: 2m 1f) (10 runners)

1 514112 ELITE REG 4 (B,BF,F,G,S) (Mattie Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 5-12-0 R Dunwoody
2 /5/60-00 FLINTERS 52 (Halewood Vintners Ltd) D McCain 7-11-8 D McCain —
3 2-R4345 RIDAKA 20 (A Wolstenholme) J Mackie 8-11-5 T Eley 70
4 52P0F0 HOSTETLER 30 (S) (R Russell) K Bridgwater 5-11-2 J Lodder 56
5 445P-40 CHEEKY FOX 29 (S) (G Dove) J White 9-10-13 P McLoughlin 64
6 0PF-545 CLEAKILE 44 (W Carroll) E Alston 8-10-13 A Procter 72
7 PP104-5 JALINGO 14 (G,S) (G Gordon) K Morgan 7-10-13 A S Smith —
8 4F-2164 VAZON BAY 41 (B,F,S) (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 11-10-13 W Marston 97
9 006536 GLOSSY 22 (F,G) (Ed Weetman Ltd) Mrs M McCourt 7-10-10 G McCourt 74
10 623335 TRUSS 30 (S) (M Weston) J Upson 8-10-7 J Supple 81

BETTING: 5-4 Elite Reg, 3-1 Vazon Bay, 6-1 Jalingo, 8-1 Cheeky Fox, 10-1 Glossy, 12-1 Ridaka, 16-1 others.

1993: VIAGGIO 5-10-8 T Eley (4-1) A Forbes 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ELITE REG 1¾l 2nd of 5 to James The First in handicap chase at Newton Abbot (2m 110yd, heavy). RIDAKA distance 5th of 9 to Morcell in novice chase at Doncaster (2m 3f 110yd, good). CLEAKILE 37¾l 5th of 9 to Badbury Lad in novice handicap chase at Hereford (3m 1f 110yd, good to soft). JALINGO tailed off 6th of 9 to Northern Squire in novice handicap chase at Market Rasen (2m 4f, soft). VAZON BAY 16l 4th of 8 to Dr Rocket in handicap chase at Towcester (2m 110yd, good to soft). GLOSSY 56¾l 6th of 9 to Northern Saddler in handicap chase at Fakenham (2m 110yd, good). TRUSS 8¾l 5th of 8 to Medinas Swan Song in novice handicap chase at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good).

Selection: VAZON BAY

2.50 GALLOWTREE NOVICES CHASE
(£2,916: 3m) (10 runners)

1 F-10824 SMITH'S BAND 20 (S) (A Smith) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-5 W Marston
2 26 EVENING RIOT 39 (Dr J Hollowood) A Turnell 8-10-12 L Harvey 82
3 2-PF5P0 GRAIN MERCHANT 13 (V) (Maltsword Ltd) F Yardley 9-10-12 B Clifford —
4 0/0/FF HAL'S PRINCE 57 (J Needham) J Needham 7-10-12 M Hourigan —
5 0-515 KEANO 20 (S) (Midaeron Partnership) P Hobbs 5-10-12 G McCourt —
6 P MASTER ORCHESTRA 14 (The Hatchet Partnership) M Bradstock 6-10-12 R Farrant —
7 6132-U3 TEXAN BABY 44 (S) (I Dunbar) N Twiston-Davies 6-10-12 T Jenks 79
8 F4-2003 WHITE DIAMOND 11 (F,S) (M Allison) Mrs A Swinbank 6-10-12 Richard Guest 76
9 0PP/P45 WODEHOUSE 14 (M L Stevens) J Bosley 9-10-12 M Bosley 84
10 4/F WOODHAY HILL 17 (S) (J Salt-Smith) S Sherwood 9-10-12 G Upton —

BETTING: 9-4 Texan Baby, 4-1 Keano, 5-1 Smith's Band, White Diamond, 8-1 Woodhay Hill, 10-1 Evening Riot, Wodehouse, 20-1 others.

1993: BINKLEY 7-10-12 D Bridgwater (7-2) N Twiston-Davies 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

SMITH'S BAND distance 4th of 9 to Morcell in novice chase at Doncaster (2m 3f 110yd, good). EVENING RIOT 68¾l 6th of 10 to Spuffington in novice chase at Folkestone (2m 5f, good). KEANO 33¾l 5th of 9 to Billygoat Gruff in novice hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 110yd, good to soft). TEXAN BABY 37l 3rd to Call Home in novice chase at Kempton (3m, good). WHITE DIAMOND 11l 3rd to Parfilm in novice chase at Edinburgh (2m 4f, good). WODEHOUSE 17l 5th of 11 to Mad Thyme in novice chase at Uttoxeter (2m 7f, soft). WOODHAY HILL in touch when fell 13th behind Tyrone Bridge in novice chase at Southwell (3m 110yd, soft).

Selection: WODEHOUSE

3.20 HANCOCK HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,637: 2m 4f 110yd) (8 runners)

1 24/44P-6 SUPER RITCHART 10 (C,G,S) (The Gradon Associates) B Palling 7-11-10 R Farrant 87
2 155/223- MYHAMET 300 (G,S) (Superset Racing) P Hobbs 8-11-9 Peter Hobbs 88
3 101-U0P BICKERMAN 13 (B,CD,F,G,S) (B Dowling) J Spearing 11-11-6 Miss T Spearing 91
4 1230/0 BEAUMOOD 23 (B,D,G) (B Chambers) E Alston 8-10-8 A Procter —
5 2141-64 EASTERN PLEASURE 31 (B,D,S) (Mrs V Wood) W Clay 7-10-3 Diane Clay
6 P1P-006 HEATHYARDS BOY 13 (D,G,S) (L Morgan) R Hollinshead 4-10-3 S Wynne 91
7 24/F034- RELTIC 337 (G) (L Kendrick) C Broad 7-10-0 W Marston 74
8 840P-35 BANKONIT 18 (V,S) (Mrs A America) P Burgoyne 5-10-0 I Lawrence 86

Long handicap: Reltic 9-11, Bankonit 9-11.

BETTING: 9-4 Myhamet, 7-2 Eastern Pleasure, 4-1 Super Ritchart, 6-1 Beaumood, 8-1 Reltic, 10-1 Heathyards Boy, 12-1 others.

1993: FIRED EARTH 5-10-9 A Maguire (3-1) J Fanshawe 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

SUPER RITCHART 10l 6th of 13 to Lumumba Days in handicap hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, good to soft). MYHAMET 11l 3rd of 7 to Miss Purbeck in handicap hurdle at Newbury (2m 5f, good). BEAUMOOD tailed off last of 9 to Dual Image in handicap hurdle at Haydock (2m, soft). EASTERN PLEASURE 18¾l 4th of 10 to Silver Standard in handicap hurdle at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). HEATHYARDS BOY distance 6th of 15 to Mr Pickpocket in handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m 4f 110yd, soft). RELTIC 20l 4th of 13 to Gray's Ellergy in handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (3m 2f, soft).

Selection: EASTERN PLEASURE

FOLKESTONE

THUNDERER

1.10 NICK THE BISCUIT (nap). 1.40 Denver Bay. 2.10 Gay Ruffian. 2.40 Gillan Cove. 3.10 Rositary. 3.40 August Twelfth.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY IN PLACES) SIS

1.10 LE TOUQUET JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,198: 2m 1f 110yd) (12 runners)

1 3 DOCTOR DEATH 62 M Dixon 10-12 M A Fitzgerald 78
2 6 EVERSO UMBLE 22 J Poulton 10-12 R Rowell —
3 6- FLYING EAGLE 181F J White 10-12 N Williamson —
4 202 INZAR 15F (BF) Pat Mitchell 10-12 N Mann 95
5 262 JATHIB 22 C Williams 10-12 S Keightley 97
6 0 JAVA SHRINE 35 I Balding 10-12 E Murphy —
7 44 MUNTAR 4 G Harwood 10-12 M Perrett 96
8 0 NEW TRIBE 18 J White 10-12 W McFarland —
9 5 NICK THE BISCUIT 18 (V) M Usher 10-12 P Holley
10 MALINGERER 16F D Wilson 10-7 A Thornton —
11 MUTINIQUE 16F B Pearce 10-7 S Earle —
12 55 SOPHIE MAY 17 M Dixon 10-7 M Attwater (7) 84

11-4 Muntar, 4-1 Jathib, 5-1 Nick The Biscuit, 6-1 Flying Eagle, Doctor Death, 10-1 Java Shrine, Sophie May, 14-1 others.

1.40 NUMBER ENGAGED CHALLENGE BOWL NOVICES CHASE (£2,611: 2m 5f) (3)

1 -005 BIG BAD WOLF 39 B Pearce 7-11-0 R Rowell —
2 0P-P BRESIL 52 A Jarvis 5-11-0 P Holley —
3 -202 DENVER BAY 17 J Gifford 7-11-0 N Williamson

1-4 Denver Bay, 7-2 Big Bad Wolf, 10-1 Bresil.

2.10 DAILY MAIL HANDICAP CHASE
(£5,810: 2m 5f) (2)

1 -544 GAY RUFFIAN 34 (D,G,S) A Jarvis 8-12-0 P Holley 94
2 3223 TOUREEN PRINCE 13 (D,G,S) Miss H Knight 12-11-12 Mr J M Pritchard

1-2 Toureen Prince, 6-4 Gay Ruffian.

2.40 SISSINGHURST NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,622: 2m 6f 110yd) (11)

1 -610 IMAD 57 (S) J White 4-11-5 N Williamson 95
2 10 STRONG GROVE 35 (D,G) D Sherwood 6-11-0 J A McCarthy 98
3 ALLEGAN 239F C Mann 5-10-12 M Perrett —
4 -2FF DON'T BUCK 9 John R Upson 8-10-12 Mr T Byrne —
5 -065 FIRST COMMAND 11 S Bowen 7-10-12 Pat Thompson (7) —
6 2P- GILLAN COVE 280 R Alner 5-10-12 S Earle
7 50-6 HOPE THATCH 11 Mrs J Renfree-Barons 7-10-12 R Greene 65
8 -43P COUNTRY STORE 41 A Jones 5-10-7 W McFarland 77
9 -3F0 PLACE STEPHANIE 13 (S) R Rowe 6-10-7 D Carson (7) 94
10 SHIPLEY BRIDGE N Henderson 5-10-7 M A Fitzgerald —
11 -045 TINA SPARKLE 15 Mrs D Haine 5-10-7 J F Titley 60

3-1 Allegan, 7-2 Shipley Bridge, 4-1 Tina Sparkle, 5-1 Strong Grove, 10-1 Country Store, Imad, 12-1 others.

3.10 MARGATE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,326: 3m 2f) (3)

1 3-55 WINDY WAYS 15 (D,F,G) N Henderson 9-12-0 M A Fitzgerald
2 -43F NEW MILL HOUSE 27 (G,S) A Jarvis 11-10-1 P Holley 96
3 P-54 ROSITARY 24 (B,C,F,S) P Winkworth 12-10-0 N Williamson 90

4-5 Windy Ways, 2-1 New Mill House, 7-2 Rositary.

3.40 BOBBIE SHAW MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE
(Amateurs: £1,918: 2m 1f 110yd) (6)

1 -111 NAMASTE 11 (D,G,S) R Hoad 6-11-10 Miss L McIntosh (7) 95
2 12/0 OXBOW 24 (S) R Akehurst 8-11-7 T McCarthy (7) —
3 3553 THUHOOL 17 (CD,G,S) R Rowe 6-11-2 C Bonner (5)
4 8/00 GOOD SPARK 24 (C,F,G,S) S Woodman 8-11-2 R Johnson (7) —
5 20-0 AUGUST TWELFTH 17 (CD,S) D O'Brien 6-10-13 G Brown (7) 96
6 0-06 BAN RI 11 A Neaves 4-10-0 D Maitland (7) —

5-4 Namaste, 9-4 Thuhool, 3-1 Oxbow, 12-1 August Twelfth, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Upson, 3 winners from 8 runners, 37.5%; Miss H Knight, 3 from 10, 30.0%; N Henderson, 4 from 16, 25.0%; R Akehurst, 5 from 24, 20.8%; J Gifford, 16 from 79, 20.3%; R Rowe, 8 from 40, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: M Perrett, 5 winners from 30 rides, 16.7%; E Murphy, 3 from 18, 16.7%. Only qualifiers

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Leicester: 1.20 Affirm, Cassio's Boy 3.20 Bankonit, Beaumood.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Warwick

Going: soft (chase course), heavy (hurdles)

12.45 (2m hdle) 1, Bimsey (R Dunwoody, 4-7 fav); 2, Lyme Gold (7-1); 3, Bonnifer (16-1). 12 ran. NR: Futuressecretary. 5l, 3½l. R Akehurst. Tote: £1.60; £1.30, £2.00, £2.30. DF: £5.20. CSF: £8.25.

1.15 (2m ch) 1, Valfinet (R Dunwoody, 1-8 fav); 2, Rully (8-1); 3, Themoreyouknow (40-1). 5 ran. Dist, 2½l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.10; £1.10, £1.50. DF: £1.90. CSF: £2.09.

1.45 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Orswell Lad (R Dunwoody, 13-2; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Greville Again (4-1); 3, Beatson (7-2). River Leven 100-30 fav. 14 ran. 2½l, 14l. P Hobbs. Tote: £6.00; £1.70, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £17.00. CSF: £31.14.

2.15 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Nickle Joe (Mr M Rimell, 7-4 fav; Thunderer's nap); 2, Persian Sword (100-30); 3, Young Baldric (100-30). 5 ran. 7l, 14l. M Tate. Tote: £2.90; £1.40, £1.70. DF: £5.20. CSF: £7.38.

2.45 (2m hdle) 1, Isaiah (T Kent, 85-40 fav); 2, Prerogative (100-30); 3, Pyramis Prince (5-2). 6 ran. 1l, 11l. Mrs J Cecil. Tote: £3.20; £1.70, £1.70. DF: £4.40. CSF: £9.05.

3.15 (3m 2f ch) 1, Mugoni Beach (R Dunwoody, 9-2); 2, Welsh Lustre (4-1 fav); 3, Mobile Messenger (13-2). 11 ran. NR: First Design. 9l, 2l. M Pipe. Tote: £6.30; £2.70, £1.80, £1.90. DF: £7.50. Trio: £17.70. CSF: £21.90. Tricast: £107.56.

3.45 (2m flat) 1, Denise's Profiles (Mr M Rimell, 14-1); 2, Scotby (11-2); 3, Akulite (20-1). Rex To The Rescue 3-1 fav. 25 ran. 4l, 1l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £10.70; £2.30, £2.80, £16.60. DF: £39.00. CSF: £104.97.

Placepot: £9.60. Quadpot: £10.80.

Fontwell Park

Going: soft (heavy in places)

1.10 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Ready To Draw (D O'Sullivan, 7-4 fav); 2, Cobb Gate (5-1); 3, Captain Tandy (3-1). 17 ran. 10l, 4l. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £2.80; £1.60, £1.80, £2.90. DF: £7.60. CSF: £11.08.

1.40 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Emerald Storm (M A Fitzgerald, 6-4 fav); 2, Punch's Hotel (16-1); 3, Shaston (15-2). 6 ran. 12l, 15l. N Henderson. Tote: £2.20; £1.60, £4.20. DF: £18.30. CSF: £18.97.

2.10 (2m 3f ch) 1, Dextra Dove (S Earle, 5-4 fav); 2, The Master Gunner (11-8). 4 ran. Dist. R Alner. Tote: £2.00. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.03.

2.40 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Redeemyourself (P Hide, 9-4 fav); 2, Nordansk (3-1); 3, Rashm (33-1). 8 ran. NR: Aldwick Colonnade. 2l, 12l. J Gifford. Tote: £3.20; £1.50, £1.60, £3.70. DF: £6.90. Trio: £79.70. CSF: £9.30. Tricast: £154.47.

3.10 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Jurassic Classic (M Richards, 11-2); 2, Woodlands Boy (25-1); 3, Sunset Again (7-2). Monksfort 3-1 fav. 9 ran. NR: Queen's Award. 3l, 1l. Mrs L Richards. Tote: £5.70; £1.80, £3.90, £1.90. DF: £52.10. Trio: £80.80. CSF: £102.68. Tricast: £500.29.

3.40 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Givus A Call (E Murphy, 7-4 fav); 2, Millmount (6-1); 3, Brandon Prince (11-4). 16 ran. NR: Cardinal Gayle. 7l, 1¾l. J Gifford. Tote: £2.50; £1.40, £2.50, £1.90. DF: £9.50. CSF: £13.18.

Jackpot: £285.90.

Placepot: £27.10. Quadpot: £12.80.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: JAILBREAKER
(1.50 Leicester)

Next best: Elite Reg
(2.20 Leicester)

Richard Evans followed up Wednesday's winning 9-4 nap, Valiant Warrior, with Orswell Lad, 13-2, successful at Warwick yesterday.

Taunton

Going: soft (heavy patches in straight)

1.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Green's Fair (A P McCoy, 9-2); 2, Sovereign Niche (13-8 fav); 3, Goldingo (16-1). 8 ran. 9l, 11l. G Ham. Tote: £4.00; £1.80, £1.10, £3.00. DF: £6.50. CSF: £11.65. Tricast: £34.21.

1.30 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Nocatchim (Gee Armytage, 4-6 fav); 2, Tumbled Bride (3-1); 3, Belle Lock (6-1). 5 ran. 7l, dist. S Sherwood. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1.60. DF: £2.50. CSF: £3.03.

2.00 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Luks Akura (Diane Clay, 5-1); 2, Fast Run (7-2 jt-fav); 3, Law Faculty (16-1). Valianthe 7-2 jt-fav. 12 ran. NR: Cara's Pride. Nk, ½l. W Clay. Tote: £5.00; £1.90, £1.80, £5.60. DF: £8.80. Trio: £156.40. CSF: £23.39. Tricast: £249.85.

2.30 (2m 3f ch) 1, Ask The Governor (A P McCoy, 9-2); 2, Channel Pastime (3-1 fav); 3, Three Of Clubs (7-1). 7 ran. NR: Music Box, Star Of Kuwait. 4l, 25l. G Balding. Tote: £4.70; £2.20, £2.30. DF: £5.90. Trio: £40.30. CSF: £17.41. Tricast: £82.95.

3.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Holy Zeal (D Gallagher, 8-1); 2, Spring Saint (13-2); 3, Roca Murada (11-2). Tejano Gold 3-1 fav. 10 ran. 1¾l, 6l. C Egerton. Tote: £9.30; £2.90, £1.70, £1.70. DF: £43.20. CSF: £55.85.

3.30 (3m 3f ch) 1, Naughty Nicky (S Burrough, 8-1); 2, Its A Snip (33-1); 3, Distillation (16-1). Pop Song 4-1 jt-fav (pu). 13 ran. NR: Sayyure. 2l, 30l. K Bishop. Tote: £6.90; £1.90, £5.60, £3.50. DF: £485.30. Trio: £489.30. CSF: £195.19. Tricast: £3,673.40.

4.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Stir Fry (Peter Hobbs, 4-1); 2, Fengari (11-4); 3, Sky Burst (100-30). General Tonic 2-1 fav. 9 ran. 1¾l, 1¾l. P Hobbs. Tote: £4.80; £1.20, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £5.70. CSF: £15.66.

Placepot: £128.90. Quadpot: not won.

☐ Tony McCoy, the conditional rider, had to give up his last two rides at Taunton yesterday after falling from Tejano Gold in the novice hurdle. He was badly bruised, but should be able to ride tomorrow.

Bloom injured

NIGEL BLOOM, the champion point-to-point rider, was taken to Addenbrookes Hospital in Cambridge on Wednesday after being knocked unconscious in a schooling accident. He also dislocated a shoulder and will miss the start of the new season, in two weeks' time.

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Bates bids farewell to toils of national service


Bates: looking to future

JEREMY BATES yesterday announced that, at the age of 32, he is no longer available to play in the Davis Cup. The decision, under consideration since the ignominious home defeat by Romania in July, leaves Great Britain in even greater danger of being consigned to the Third World of tennis.

Britain, demoted to group two of the Euro-African zone, has already plumbed unprecedented depths. Without Bates, the mainstay since 1985, the team will inevitably lack experience in the next tie against Slovakia, probably in Bratislava and certainly on clay, at the end of April.

Defeat then would lead to another relegation play-off, at home to either Egypt or Monaco. So steady has been the recent decline that it has been cruelly suggested that Britain may soon be competing in a group with the Scilly Isles and the Old Man of Hoy.

Bates, six times the national champion and the established British No 1 since 1988, is to continue playing on the international circuit. In April, he became the first Briton for 17 years to win a title, the South Korean Open, in Seoul, on the Association of Tennis Professionals Tour.

Now close to matching his best world ranking of 63rd, six

Stuart Jones predicts a prolonged struggle for Britain after the exit of its Davis Cup mainstay

years ago, he will be missed as much for his contribution in the doubles as in the singles. Of 48 rubbers, he won 25 but his dispiriting experience against Romania prompted thoughts of retirement.

In the opening rubber he was beaten by a 17-year-old debutant, Sabau, after taking the first two sets and holding three match points. Britain, defeated 4-1 on Portuguese clay earlier in the year, went on to lose 3-2 at Didsbury.

"It is the right time for a new generation of up-and-coming players to learn to take the responsibility," Bates said yesterday. "Davis Cup is the best learning ground for international tennis."

Bill Knight, the team captain, complimented him before echoing his sentiments. "Jeremy has had a tremendously distinguished Davis Cup career and we shall miss him greatly. I respect and agree with his decision and it is now time to look for a new generation. This is the route we must go and we have a number of youngsters capable of playing well and winning."

But injury has forced one member of the team chosen against Romania, Chris Bailey, to give up the game and another, Tim Henman, to hibernate during the winter. As long as he completes his recuperation from a broken ankle, he seems likely to be promoted in Slovakia.

Unlike his probable companion in the singles, Mark Petchey, Henman should not be inhibited by failure when representing his country. His lone appearance so far, in the doubles against Romania, was successful. His partner was Bates.

Distress signals lead rescuers to dismasted yacht in Southern Ocean

Autissier found safe after air search

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

ISABELLE AUTISSIER, the French solo yachtswoman at the centre of a full search-and-rescue operation deep in the Southern Ocean, was found fit and well early yesterday. A Royal Australian Air Force Hercules crew spotted her on the deck of her dismasted yacht close to where her satellite distress signal had been bleeping since early on Wednesday.

Her 60ft yacht, *Ecureuil Poitou Charentes 2*, which had already been dismasted just five days after leaving Cape Town on the second, 7,000-mile stage of the BOC Challenge solo round-the-world race through the Roaring Forty and Furious Fifty latitudes to Sydney, was found to be dismasted again. However, Autissier waved to the flight crew, which had been combing the area 900 miles south-southeast of Adelaide for almost three hours before spotting her yacht.

The crew dropped a life-raft — with a radio fitted — which Autissier managed to get alongside her yacht, although the crew, and the one on a subsequent flight sent out to monitor her position, failed to make radio contact with her.

"The second plane is overhead now, but despite signalling by Morse and by hand, so far we have been unable to make her aware that the life-raft is equipped with a radio," a spokesman at the RAAF base in Adelaide said.

The Australia Navy frigate, HMAS *Darwin*, equipped with a air-sea rescue helicopter, was dispatched from Perth yesterday and is expected to reach Autissier's position shortly before dusk tomorrow. In the meantime, the RAAF intends to keep monitoring her position by air until the rescue has been completed.

Autissier is lucky to be alive. Temperatures at 48S are close to OC, and with winds blowing an icy 50-60 knots, the chill factor sends air temperatures plunging to between -15 and -20C. What saved her are the two Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons [EPIRBs] carried as compulsory safety equipment which, once activated, beam signals via satellite to a series of maritime rescue co-ordination centres.

It was these signals, picked up by the Australian centre in Canberra, that alerted race officials and the rescue authorities to her plight, although it was not until the Hercules crew finally spotted Autissier yesterday that it knew her situation.

The EPIRB signals had indicated very little drift, and race officials were concerned that this could suggest that Autissier's yacht had sunk, leaving the beacon floating in the water.

This is the fourth such emergency during this BOC Challenge, and they will have cost taxpayers in Australia and South Africa dear.

Autissier, who had built up a 5½-day lead on the first stage of the race, from Charleston in South Carolina to Cape Town, was first to falter when her yacht was initially dismasted on December 2, some 1,200 miles from the Cape of Good Hope. Instead of retiring, she set a jury rig with spare poles and sails and sailed to the Kerguelen Islands, where a second rig and new sails were shipped from Reunion Island.

Shortly afterwards, Simone Bianchetti set off a full emergency when his Italian entry, *Town of Servia*, sprang a leak. However, soon after a lifeboat had set out from the Cape, he called off the rescue and limped back to Cape Town unaided.

The next to need assistance was Neal Petersen in his home-built South African yacht, *Protect Our Sealife*. He spent four days battling against the wind and waves before accepting a tow into Port Elizabeth.

Then, last week, Jean Luc van den Heede fell asleep in


Autissier on board the *Ecureuil Poitou Charentes 2* before the start of the BOC Challenge round-the-world race

the cockpit of his second-placed French yacht, *Vendee Enterprises*, which then ran aground just 50 miles short of the Sydney finish line. Van den Heede's yacht escaped relatively unscathed after being dragged out through the three-metre surf by a local port police boat.

"The Indian Ocean obviously doesn't like me." Autissier said after her first dismasting in December followed a similar episode off Tasmania during the last BOC race, four years ago. Now, after a series of near disasters that have struck almost all but Christophe Auguin, the race leader, most competitors must be sharing her view.

BOC CHALLENGE: Second leg (Cape Town to Sydney): Class 1: 1, Scala Calberson (C Auguin, Fr) 24 days 23hr 40min; 2, Vendee Enterprises (J van den Heede, Fr) 27:10:37; 3, Hunter's Child (S Pettengill, US) 28:02.12; 4, Coyote (D Scully, US) 28:06:04; 5, Novell South Africa (J Provoyeur, SA) 28 20.06. Other positions (at 08:00GMT yesterday, with miles to Sydney): 6, Thursday's Child (A Taylor, US) 941; 7, Ecureuil Poitou-Charentes 2 (I Autissier, Fr) 1,389. Class 2: 1, Kodak (G Soldini, It) 28 days 02hr 27min; 2, True Blue (D Adams, Aus) 28:04:28. Other positions (at 08:00GMT, with miles to Sydney): 3, Newcastle Australia (A Nebauer, Aus) 141; 4, Jimroda II (N Vaughan, GB) 266; 5, Cornwall (R Dawe, GB) 735; 6, Sky Catcher (N Rowe, GB) 1,022; 7, Shuten-Dohji II (M Sano, Japan) 1,356; 8, Henry Hornblower (H Mitchell, GB) 2,724.


The dismasted yacht is discovered by the rescue plane



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Day Five Questions

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Syed gives master class

BY RICHARD EATON

MATTHEW SYED'S two wins did more than ensure England took an unexpected 1-0 lead in the table tennis series against China at Woking on Wednesday night. They also suggested that by the end of the six matches the Oxford University student could be challenging hard to become the England No 1 for the first time.

This would be a remarkable achievement for someone whose priority over the next few months is to obtain a first-class degree in politics and economics for which he is well on course at Balliol College. Syed's opportunities to practise have, therefore, been limited, and yet his athletic movement and flexible defence in the opening match of the series was so effective that he overcame both his opponents in straight games.

After outplaying the Chinese national runner-up, Li Jing, in the first game of his first match, Syed came back excitingly from 7-13 and 15-19 down in the second game, increasingly inducing mistakes from the forehand loop of his opponent. He went on to win 21-9, 24-22 which put England 2-1 up, and an hour-and-a-half later Syed was tenaciously wrapping up England's triumph by once again coming from behind in the second game.

After comfortably taking the first against Jiang Shan, a strong looper on both backhand and forehand, Syed trailed 10-13 before pulling back the deficit by changing his tactics and producing three rare winners. This provided the impetus that carried him to a 21-10, 21-19 win and England to a 4-2 triumph.

Syed is little more than 100 points behind Chen Zinhua, the Yorkshire-based former World Cup winner, who is still the England No 1 despite a moderate season by his excellent standards. Chen is scheduled to play only three of the six matches against his former compatriots, so the probability is that the younger man from Reading will close the points gap in the rankings table still further.

The other likelihood is that the Chinese, who had only one day's rest after a 20-hour plane journey, will improve and make life much harder for England. They were also without their leading player, Kong Linghui, for the opening match, and when his stomach ailment is completely cured, the 19-year-old Asian champion may have a powerful appetite for some English victims.

However, Carl Prean and Alan Cooke both had their moments on Wednesday, each winning once, which suggested that after the China-born Chen enters the fray for the first time in the third match tonight at Stourbridge, England, too, may be able to provide increasingly stiffer opposition.

Boardman hopes to lead Gan

BY PETER BRYAN

CHRIS BOARDMAN, the double world and Olympic cycling champion, may replace Greg LeMond as leader of the French Gan squad next year, now that the American has retired, suffering from muscle myopathy, a muscle-wasting disease that ruined his last two seasons in competition.

First, however, Boardman who wore the yellow jersey of race leader for three days in this year's Tour de France, has a problem to resolve: he has to learn how to climb, even though he was Britain's amateur champion four years in succession. That, however, is a different prospect than climbing well on some of the most challenging peaks in the Alps.

"It's going to be yet another challenge for me," he said, "but, after spending two days doing laboratory tests with Peter Keen, my trainer, we have identified the problems that exist." Eddy Seigneur and Pascal Lance are also potential team leaders in a squad that will be strengthened by the signing of the Commonwealth Games champion, Stuart O'Grady, 21, of Australia.

Boardman's schedule of 1995 events is almost complete and he can expect to be racing for up to 70 days, including three weeks in the saddle for the Tour de France, where he will face seven mountain stages in eight days.

The Tour ends on July 23. Boardman then has to peak again eight weeks later when he defends his world track pursuit and road time-trial titles at the world championships in Colombia at an altitude of 8,000 feet. Boardman will spend much of next month at his team's French training headquarters at Pau.

RADIO CHOICE

A strange life with father

Family Failings. *Radio 4, 11.45pm.*

Ronnie Knox Mawer's recollections of life with his chemist father in Wrexham make marvellous, albeit unorthodox post-Christmas listening. Some of the sketches are worthy of Dickens. For Knox Mawer senior, life's frivolities were rejected in favour of icy lino, endless toil, and coal tar soap. He filled his children's Christmas stockings with nail brushes and sticking plaster, and his dining-room chair was a kind of pulpit from which came a stream of homilies such as "elbow grease is the best polish". He enjoyed a healthy interest in death and disease. Consequently, he approved of a gruesome Victorian statue in the local church. Commissioned by a brewer in memory of his dead daughter, it showed a white hand emerging from a coffin on Resurrection Day.

To Purge Melancholy. *Radio 3, 10.45pm.*

Daniel Snowman's portrait of Henry Purcell's London in the second half of the 17th century mentions Purcell hardly at all. No need to worry though, because this is essentially a curtain-raiser to a Radio 3 season marking the 300th anniversary of the composer's death next year. It is the age of Charles II and William and Mary that Snowman examines in some detail. Melancholy was purged in such conventional ways as hugs fairs on the frozen Thames and such, unconventional ways as the drunken Earl of Dorset running bare-bottomed through the streets.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Claire Sturgess with the Early Breakfast Show 7.00 Lynn Parsons 10.00 Kevin Greening, including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 1.00pm Clive Warren with the latest music 4.00 Mark Goodier, including at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Pete Tong's Review 1994 10.00 John Peel: featuring John Peel's Top Tips for 1995 1.00am Mark Tonderai

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Martin Kelner 5.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 8.45 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce, incl at 10.00 Pick of the Hits 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Fiona Armstrong 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Scoop! Derek Jameson tells the story of Chopin 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night: recorded at the Anvil Theatre, Basingstoke 9.15 Sweeney Todd: Denis Quilley and Julia McKenzie star in a recording of the National Theatre's production of Stephen Sondheim's musical thriller (r) 12.05am Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes in Concert 1.00 Adrian Finighan

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.05 Island Line (r) 7.00 The Breakfast Programme, incl at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine, incl a phone-in at 8.35 plus Video Review of the Year, Euronews and Chain Reaction 11.05 Yule Never Believe This! 11.35 Sporting Partnerships 12.00 Midday with Mair, incl at 12.34pm Moneycheck with Liz Barclay 2.05 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, including at 7.20 sport 7.35 Alan Green's Sportstalk 9.05 The Good News Year 10.05 Stop Press, with John Diamond 10.35 Financial Year 11.00 Night Extra 11.35 Yule Never Believe This! (r) 12.05am After Hours 2.05 Up All Night, with Richard Dellyn

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am BBC English 4.45 Fruhmagazin 5.00 Newshour 6.50 Morgenmagazin 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 *Just William* 7.30 Discursive Excursions 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 Music Review 9.00 News 9.05 Business Report 9.15 Global Concerns 9.30 On the Move 9.45 Sports Roundup 10.00 News 10.01 Focus on Faith 10.30 Joan Baez 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 News 12.10pm Words of Faith 12.15 Discursive Excursions 12.45 Sport 1.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 *Just William* 2.45 Global Concerns 3.00 News 3.15 Music Review 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.05 Business Report 5.15 BBC English 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 Kaleidoskop 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 The World Today 8.30 Europe Today 9.00 News 10.05 Business Report 10.15 People and Politics 10.45 Sport 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Multitrack: Alternative 12.00 News 12.15 Poets of Place 12.30 From the Weeklies 12.45 The Learning World 1.00 News 1.05 Outlook 1.30 Worldbrief 1.45 Jazz Now and Then 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 People and Politics 3.00 News 3.15 Sport 3.30 The Vintage Chart Show 4.00 Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Angela Rippon 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 Classic Verdict 8.00 Evening Concert celebrates two centenaries of 1994 — the births of E.J. Moeran and Peter Warlock 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Robert Booth

VIRGIN

6.00am Paul Coyte 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Gary King 7.00 N.J. Williams 11.00 Nick Abbot 2.00-6.00am Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Vivaldi (Flute Concerto in D, Il gardellino); Prokofiev (Overture on Hebrew Themes); Schumann (Papillons, Op 2); Giovanni Gabrieli (Canzon XVIII, Sacrae symphoniae); Barber (Two scenes, Vanessa); Schnittke (Suite in the Olden Style)
9.00 **Composer of the Week**: Rimsky-Korsakov (r)
10.00 **Musical Encounters**, with Edward Blakeman. 10.05 *Artist of the Week*: George Malcolm, harpsichord. Haydn (Concerto in D); 10.20 George Malcolm (Bach before the Mast); Montéclair (Two Brunettes); Blavet (Suite in G); Trad, arr Beethoven (Scottish Folk Songs); Mozart (Symphony No 34 in C, K338)
12.00 **Voices**: Favourite songs of 1994 (r)
1.00pm **O Magnum Miraculum**: The Hilliard Ensemble explores a rich repertory of liturgical Christmas music and songs from eastern Europe in this Christmas concert recorded at St John's, Smith Square, London (r)
2.00 **Youth Orchestras of the World**: Norwegian National Youth Orchestra under Bjarte Engeset; Henning Kraggerud, violin, perform Geirr Tveitt (Suite No 1, 100 Folk Tunes from Hardanger); Sibelius (Violin Concerto in D minor); Prokofiev (Suite: Romeo and Juliet)
3.50 **The Cambridge Musicke**: Robert Ehrlich, recorder; Mark Levey, gamba and treble viol; Richard Egarr, harpsichord. Handel (Sonata in C, Op 1 No 7); Telemann (Trio Sonata in G minor); Corelli (Sonata in F, Op 5 No 4); Telemann (Trio Sonata in D minor) (r)
4.30 **Songs of Old Tbilisi**: Lela Sisauri presents folk music from Tbilisi, sung and played by the ensemble Soinari and the Rustavi Choir
5.00 **The Music Machine**: Byte the Music. Mike Edwards looks to the future of music and technology (r)
5.15 **The Changing Orchestra**: Michael Hall introduces recordings made between 1917 and 1973 by the Boston Symphony Orchestra, including music by Wagner, Debussy, Mussorgsky, Sibelius, Berlioz, Mendelssohn and Hindemith
6.45 **Speaking of Chopin . . . a Pianist's View**: Last in the series in which pianists talk to Jeremy Seapmann about the challenges and rewards of playing Chopin
7.30 **Philharmonia Beethoven Cycle**: Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 3 in C minor; Symphony No 9 in D minor, Choral: Philharmonia Chorus and Orchestra under Nikolaus Harnoncourt)
9.20 **John Updike** reads *The Afterlife*, the last of his three stories (r)
9.50 **Boris Berezovsky**, piano. Medtner (Song of the Morning, Op 39 No 4; Sonata Tragica in C minor, Op 39 No 5); Strauss (Five Pieces, Op 3); Ravel (La Valse) (r)
10.45 **Friday Feature: To Purge Melancholy**. See Choice
11.30-12.30am **Midnight Oil**: Review of the year

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Murderers and Other Friends, by John Mortimer 8.58 Weather
9.00 **News 9.05 Desert Island Discs**: The castaway is the actor David Jason (r)
9.45 **Radio World**: Shock Jocks
10.00-10.30 **News; One Born Every Minute** (FM only): Jez Nelson continues his series on volunteers and science with a visit to the Drug Research Unit at Guy's Hospital
10.00 **An Act of Worship** (LW only)
10.15 **Children's Radio 4** (LW only): The Willows in Winter, by William Horwood (3/8)
10.30 **Photo Appreciated**: Get Ready. Debbie receives a phone call from Singapore (r)
11.00 **News; Oedipus Schmoedipus . . .** Sue Margolis investigates the stereotype of the Jewish mother
11.30 **Murder in Mesopotamia**: In the final part of Agatha Christie's whodunit, Hercule Poirot is ready to reveal the identity of the murderer
12.00 **News; Second to None**: The series that looks at people who do other people's jobs
12.25pm **The Food Programme**
12.55 Weather
1.00 **The World at One**
1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; The Wolves of Willoughby Chase**, by Joan Aiken. With Jane Lapotaire
3.30 **In Excess**, with Armando Iannucci
4.00 **News 4.05 Double or Quits**: Steve and Paul, 15-year-old twins, use their paper-round money to buy Irus, an Arab racehorse (r)
4.45 **Family Feelings**: I Don't Want to Know. The last of five stories for Christmas, written and read by Deborah Moggach
5.00 **PM 5.50** Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 **News 6.15 Tides of History**: Kevin Connolly visits Sochi on the shores of the Black Sea (r)
6.30 **Scoring for Britain**: Eccentric British composers of the 1940s and 1950s (r)
7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers**
7.20 **Pick of the Year** (r)
8.05 **Our Next Question Please**: Jonathan Dimbleby recalls the year on *Any Questions?*
8.50 **Ninety Not Out**: Ned Sherrin in conversation with well-known nonagenarians
9.15 **Letter from America**, by Alistair Cooke
9.30 **Kaleidoscope Feature**: The myth behind the carol "Silent Night" (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight**
10.45 **Book at Bedtime**: The Diamond as Big as the Ritz, by F. Scott Fitzgerald (final part) (r)
11.00 **Year Ending**: The best sketches of 1994
11.25 **Fourth Column**: Alistair Beaton and friends prepare for the New Year
11.45 **Family Failings** (r). See Choice
12.00-12.43am **News**, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW)

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Knowing Paul, knowing Pauline, ha ha

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

The point is, Steve Coogan looks superb in a frock. In particular, he looks great in a cheap-nympho mini-skirted, white wedding frock with side panels, and a lace veil tumbling over his luxuriant, blonde demi-wave. I think it's the long, lovely legs, but it could be just that he suits lipstick. If he had opted differently at drama school, he would now be playing Raquel in *Coronation Street*.

Anyway, watching his ghastly, tittering creation Pauline Calf in last night's hilariously uncomfortable wedding video, **Three Fights, Two Weddings and a Funeral** (BBC2), it was surprisingly easy to forget what — in gender terms — you were actually watching. Fat Bob loved Pauline, and told her in the funeral limo, after the burial of Spiros (her momentary Greek husband, too complicated to explain). Anyway, Pauline caressed Bob, and it seemed perfectly all right, just a bit yucky after a funeral. "Oh Bob!" she/he sobbed, kissing him. "Bob the Blob! Oh fat blobby bastard Bob! You look so cute, like a little panda!"

The introduction of a foreigner into the Calf family was never going to work. Knowing that a Greek bloke might have exotic tastes, Pauline's mum offered pineapple rings. Asked for camomile tea, she said she'd take a look ("No, we haven't got none of that caroline tea, but we've got Tetley's. The round ones"). Meanwhile Pauline's brother Paul (also Coogan, in shaggy wig, tight jeans and tache), met the groom at the airport, and dodged sideways when Spiros lunged forward to peck him. "Welcome on behalf of all of the North of England," he said, and then introduced Spiros to other blokes who had "been out" with Pauline.

As comic characters, the Calfs work in the same way as Coogan's Alan Partridge, in pushing embarrassment further than it's possible to stand. On Pauline's hen night, friend Julie proudly announces that her man Tony has a new job in the evenings. Immediately a strip-o-gram turns up. "Tony!" she screams. He jumps on a table and pulls his trousers off. "Put your pants on and go home!" she yells. It leads to a great one-liner, when an upwardly mobile friend tries to stop the ensuing fight. "This is so tacky. It's so crass," she pleads. Pauline sees red. "You pompous cow," she shouts. "You get a couple of GCSEs and you think you're Anne Diamond."

Camcordering has become a convention so normal to us in such a short time, that it is now possible to look back at pre-video culture (Shakespeare, Hardy, da Ponte) and wonder in amazement how writers managed without it. Box trees and curtains; letters slipped under carpets: all anticipated the plot device of the hand-held video, whose dramatic potential is enormous, especially for farce. Pauline Calf watched her video after Spiros's death, and discovered her Greek's true nature. He had made her smuggle drugs from Corfu inside an enormous phallus. The bastard. She thought it was a romantic memento.

I mention all this because BBC 2's special festive-season production of **The Marriage of Figaro** (first act last night, the second tonight) will certainly get around to video in the end. I'm not sure whether the BBC still employs the classification "Light Entertainment", but if it does, this is certainly it. This is Mozart meets Ray Cooney, and it's not bad. Rosina has an exercise bike; Susanna carries a bleeper on her waistband. As a production for non-opera fans, this *Marriage of Figaro* exemplifies Pauline Calf's useful motto: "If you like it, do it. If you don't like it, do it; you might like it."

Sir Cecil (er, Count Almaviva) is a Eurocrat with floppy hair; the setting is therefore his grand house, managed by the rapacious Marcellina for the National Trust. The translation, by Tony Britten and Nicholas Broadhurst, doesn't sing awfully well, and the colloquials get a bit tiresome ("Then it's curtains for another dodgy Tory" etcetera). But it's very jolly and nicely sung, and Mary Lincoln is a sparky Susanna. Meanwhile a faraway audience claps between scenes and laughs at the sit-com jokes. Nigel Planer is the gardener in Act Two. It's worth a look.

One thing undoubtedly affected by video is the power of the single photograph. **Decisive Moments** (BBC 2) last night analysed great news pictures of 1994, sometimes showing them revealingly against footage of the photographed event. The famous snap of Cherie Blair kissing her husband's cheek onstage at the party conference (nice "pistachio" colour behind), turned out to be the merest peck, a flash and you missed it. But as a still photograph, it looks so perfect that it might almost have been "set up" — a concept that is notoriously fluid in photography, just as it is in documentary-making.

Take the bearded, white AWB man, who crouches supplicating at the door of the open car, a black man's gun trained on him in the dust. It is the most arresting picture of the year — raw, horrifying, colour-drained reality with a symbolic kick. Just before the South African elections, the racist stares defeat in the face, and the image is slapped on front pages worldwide. Nobody considers this picture "set up", not at all. Yet when video footage shows the context in which the drama took place, the picture changes. This man was looking, in his final moments, not only at guns, but at a pack of photographers, whose principal interest was in getting the best picture of his death. The man who took the famous picture subsequently committed suicide. What's surprising about this is that anyone's surprised.

BBC1

7.00 News, regional news and weather (9469276)

7.10-1.00 Children's BBC: Secret Life of Toys (r) (s) (9472740) **7.25 Felix the Cat** (9477295) **7.40 Marlene Marlowe Investigates** (r) (9615818)

8.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7430092)

8.10 The Adventures of Skippy (s) (4453585) **8.35 Swat Kats** (r) (s) (9120653)

9.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (5119450)

9.05 Bucky O'Hare (r) (8843740) **9.30 Why Don't You...?** (26016) **10.00 Playdays** (s) (1467672) **10.20 William's Wish Wellingtons** (s) (2895769) **10.35 Joe 90** (2549160)

11.00 FILM: Freaky Friday (1977) starring Jodie Foster, Barbara Harris and John Astin. A mother and her daughter are switched into each other's bodies for a day — with disastrous results. Directed by Gary Nelson. (Ceefax) (31266214)

12.35 The Pink Panther Show (8932566) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (14920740)

1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (44603214)

1.10 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (27676837) **1.30 The Flying Doctors**. (Ceefax) (s) (4519059) **2.15 Harry and the Hendersons** (25473924)

2.35 FILM: Problem Child (1990) starring John Ritter, Michael Oliver and Jack Warden. A comedy about an unsuspecting couple who adopt a young boy who makes Denis the Menace seem like an angel. Directed by Dennis Dugan (s) (8111522)

3.50 Nutcracker (5777382) **4.15 McGee and Me** (r) (5206301) **4.35 Beatrix Potter's the World of Peter Rabbit and Friends** (r) (s) (8831059)

5.05 Newsround Review of the Year (2798635)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (954634)

6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (394479)

6.15 Regional News Magazines (300030)

6.35 FILM: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (1990) starring Judith Hoeg and Elias Koteas. The sewer-dwelling super heroes join forces with ace reporter April O'Neal to prevent the evil Shredder and his gang from enslaving the children of New York. Directed by Steve Baron. (Ceefax) (s) (7284059)

8.00 Only Fools and Horses (r). (Ceefax) (2419)

8.30 A Question Of Sport. David Coleman, Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by Frank Bruno, Trish Johnson, Lee Sharpe and Ieuan Evans. (Ceefax) (s) (2924)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5360)

9.30 CHOICE **French and Saunders Christmas Special**. (Ceefax) (s) (622818)



Rik Mayall and Brian Walden (10.10pm)

10.10 CHOICE **A B'Stard Exposed**. (Ceefax) (s) (718301)

10.40 Elvis — *The Tribute*. *A celebration of the singer's* life and career, introduced by Priscilla Presley at the Pyramid Arena, Memphis (s) (5763837)

12.10am FILM: Get Carter (1971) starring Michael Caine. Thriller about a small-time London crook who returns to his native North East to investigate the murder of his brother. Directed by Mike Hodges. (Ceefax) (508290) **2.00 Weather** (7736412)

BBC2

8.05 Orson Welles' Ghost Story: Return to Glennascaul (colour and b/w) (5281108)

8.35 FILM: Portrait of Jennie (1948, b/w) starring Jennifer Jones and Joseph Cotten. A young artist is captivated by a young woman whom, he learns later, was killed many years before. Directed by William Dieterle (4242924)

10.00 The American Civil War (r) (66836382)

12.15 Vivienne Westwood "On Liberty". The dress designer talks about her work as she prepares for next spring's Paris collections (799943)

12.45 Charlie Chalk (r) (96472295)

1.00 Black and White. Highlights of the 1994 world snooker final between Stephen Hendry and Jimmy White (s) (52419)

2.00 The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures given by Dr Susan Greenfield (s) (18769)

3.00 Fishing For Gold. A look back at the 1994 world fly-fishing championships in Norway (3011)

4.00 FILM: Seven Brides For Seven Brothers (1954) starring Howard Keel, Jane Powell and Russ Tamblyn. Rumbustious musical directed by Stanley Donen. (Ceefax) (20636059)

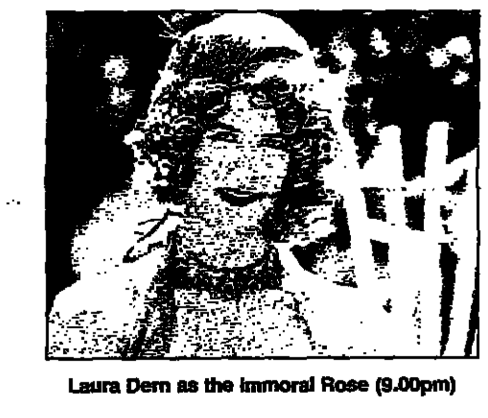
5.40 The Vanishing Partridge. An RSPB film about the natural threat to the game bird (215382)

6.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons (r). (Ceefax) (296363) **6.25 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased)**. Vintage detective series (r) (755568)

7.15 The Marriage of Figaro. The second of the three-part modern-day version of Mozart's comic opera (s) (568818)

8.00 Cooking Oils. Brian Sewell joins chef Roy Ackerman in a challenge to bring to life the feast illustrated in the 500-year-old painting "Les Tres Riches Heures" (1059)

8.30 More Front Gardens. (Ceefax) (s) (7586)



Laura Dern as the immoral Rose (9.00pm)

9.00 FILM: Rambling Rose (1991) starring Laura Dern, Robert Duvall and Diane Ladd. A drama about a young woman of easy virtue who goes to work in a 1930s Georgia household. Martha Coolidge directs. (Ceefax) (37470547)

10.50 The Paul Calf Video Diary. Comedy starring Steve Coogan (r) (Ceefax) (s) (466634)

11.25 Fantasy Football (s) (704856)

11.55 This is Garth Brooks, Too. The singer in concert at the Texas Stadium, Dallas (962061)

12.45am FILM: Without You I'm Nothing (1990) starring Sandra Bernhardt. A collection of comedy sketches and jokes, based on the 1990 off-Broadway show. Directed by John Boskovich (1305967)

2.10 Weather (5489764)

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CHOICE

Black Christmas: But... Seriously
Channel 4, 11.05pm

Somewhat tenuously linked to the Black Christmas season, this entertaining documentary features the best of American stand-up comedy — both black and white — from the 1950s to the present day. By intercutting sketches with archive news footage, the programme shows how some of the most savage attacks on government policy have come from comedians. A young Richard Pryor sings "Nobody wants you when you're down and out". Whoopi Goldberg sends up Reagan's supposed concern for air traffic controllers and Eric Bogosian becomes a wheedling beggar in a wonderfully uncomfortable monologue on homelessness. There is also Robin Williams on sex in the Aids era, and satirical routines from comics including Eddie Murphy, Jackie Mason, Lenny Bruce, Lily Tomlin and Billy Crystal.

A B'Stard Exposed
BBC1, 10.10pm

That great political opportunist Alan B'Stard, MP (aka Rik Mayall) switches channels for this special programme in which he is interviewed by one of television's toughest interrogators, Brian Walden. The Tory maverick comes fresh from his recent by-election win in Wales — his opponents were found at the bottom of a coal mine — and is anxious to outline his personal manifesto for his return to the House of Commons. His mission is to "electrify the current moribund political scene". Along the way he touches upon topical issues including "sleaze", cash for questions and the exchange-rate mechanism. We also hear his views on the Royal Family and revelations about his part in Margaret Thatcher's downfall.

Short Stories: The Big Break
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Elizabeth Allen's film follows three resting actors in their anxious search for work. The trio have little in common bar the fact that they are all auditioning for The Casting Couch, a body set up to showcase talent to the casting industry. Annette describes her background as northern working class. A former social worker, she won a scholarship to drama school but is now surviving on the dole. David is married with a child and worked in the City for ten years before putting himself through drama school. While ready to take anything, he has his eyes set on Hollywood. "I don't find myself enthused by the idea of stage work in Coventry." The willowy Julian appears to be the most carefree. Having been to Oxford and drama school, he now lives at home and spends his spare time in art galleries. He would cheerfully succumb to being typecast as the next Hugh Grant.



Big-bonneted French and Saunders (BBC1, 9.30pm)

French and Saunders Christmas Special
BBC1, 9.30pm

Increasingly high profile as solo performers, Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders *still have an unrivalled chemistry as a double act*. This festive special has them *donning large bonnets as Dickens's favourites Winnie* and Simper Whiffey Gussett, and acting in a novel reinterpretation of the Oscar-winning movie, *The Piano*. Putting all vanity aside, they also turn up as *two fat men getting ready* for a panto and two fat women going shooting. **Stephanie Billen**

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6.00am GMTV (6546672)

9.25 The New Adventures of He-Man (8858672) **9.50 James Bond Junior** (r) (1684108)

10.15 Bananas in Pyjamas (7856016) **10.20 ITN News** headlines (Teletext) (3282419) **10.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8137360)

10.30 FILM: American Harvest (1987) starring Wayne Rogers and Mariclare Costello. A drama depicting the hardship, courage and rivalries that exist between the crews of wheat-harvesters competing for work across the length and breadth of America. Directed by Dick Lowry (15574189) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1781063)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (8620585)

12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (8605276)

1.25 Home and Away (Teletext) (53099092) **1.55 The Young Doctors**. Extended last episode (1322585)

3.15 Warner Brothers Cartoon (r) (6168160) **3.20 ITN News** *headlines* (Teletext) (6198301) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6197672)

3.30 FILM: Disney's Monkeys, Go Home! (1966) starring Maurice Chevalier in his last film. A young American inherits an olive farm in a remote French village. Directed by Andrew V. McLaglen (575784)

5.10 After 5: Sylvester Stallone — Action Man. Caron Keating joins Sylvester Stallone on the set of his latest film Judge Dredd. (Teletext) (5843504)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (219108)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (290189)

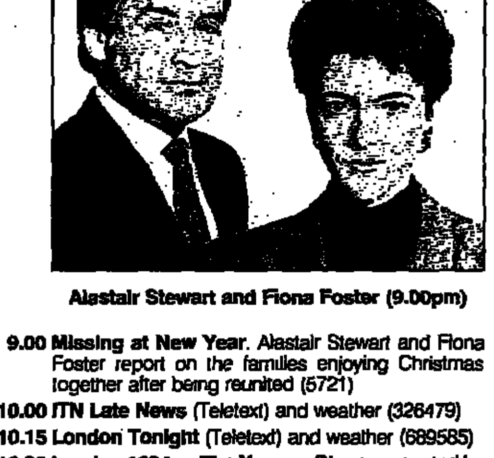
6.25 London Tonight (Teletext)(622295)

7.00 Catchphrase (Teletext) (s) (9837)

7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (585)

8.00 The Bill: Licensed to Kill. (Teletext) (8585)

8.30 You've Been Framed! Jeremy Beadle presents another catalogue of camcorder catastrophes (7092)



Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster (9.00pm)

9.00 Missing at New Year. Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster report on the families enjoying Christmas together after being reunited (5721)

10.00 ITN Late News (Teletext) and weather (326479)

10.15 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (689585)

10.20 London 1994 — The Year on Stage presented by Melvyn Bragg (8574671)

11.50 McCloud: Concrete Jungle Caper starring Dennis Weaver (909189)

1.15 FILM: Crazy Moon (1986) starring Kiefer Sutherland as a rich teenager whose family life is miserable. However, he begins to see things from a *new perspective when he befriends* a free-spirited deaf girl. Directed by Allan Eastman (477257)

2.55 FILM: Dreamer (1979) starring Tim Matheson as a young man with ambitions of winning the national bowling championships. Directed by Noel Nosseck (307615)

4.35 Quincy starring Jack Klugman as the investigative pathologist (9745073)

5.55 ITN Morning News (6633528). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.40am Terrytoons (4665721) **7.05 Stunt Dawgs** (9236566) **7.35 Pro-Stars** (r) (8801030)

8.00 The Big Breakfast. Early-morning mayhem with Gaby Roslin and Mark Little, plus Paula Yates talks to Arnold Schwarzenegger (92721)

10.00 Space Cats (s) (71568)

10.30 Batman. The caped crusader takes to acting in a film directed by Penguin. (Teletext) (2573127)

10.55 Terrytoon (2650672)

11.05 Tintin. Hergé's hero is at odds with gangsters (r) (9906769)

11.30 Kelly. Further adventures of the superdog (r) (4363)

12.00 If Wishes Were Horses. In the last of the series the children hold their own gymkhana at Paddock Farm (r) (s) (73547)

12.30pm Sesame Street. Entertaining early-learning series with guest Jay Leno (53498)

1.30 FILM: A Song is Born (1948) starring Danny Kaye as a shy professor who becomes romantically involved with a nightclub singer (Virginia Mayo) and helps her to escape from her gangster boyfriend (Steve Cochran). Directed by Howard Hawks (44486092)

3.35 Sean Connery: A Profile. The handsome actor speaks candidly about his past, reflecting on his harsh life as a boy in Edinburgh. With contributions from his son Jason, his wife Micheline and his friend Michael Caine (9941063)

4.35 Stealing Home. An old woman tries to piece together her past by stealing other people's lives (5080585)

4.50 FILM: The Four Feathers (1939) starring John Clements a man unfairly accused of cowardice by three fellow officers. With June Duprez and Ralph Richardson. Directed by Zoltan Korda. (Teletext) (28892672)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (7479)

7.30 The Cosby Show American family comedy show (r). (Teletext) (127)

8.00 CHOICE **Short Stories: The Big Break** (Teletext) (s) (6127)

8.30 Brookside. Topical soap set in a Merseyside cul-de-sac. (Teletext) (s) (5634)

9.00 Ellen. American comedy series starring Ellen DeGeneres. (Teletext) (s) (3498)

9.30 Cheers. Popular American comedy series. After one dinner date with an old flame of Sam's, Frasier announces they are to marry (r). (Teletext) (10566)



John Bird and John Fortune (10.00pm)

10.00 Rory Bremner's Christmas Turkey. Rory Bremner, *John Bird and John Fortune look back at a* year of sleaze, allegations of corruption in football and a disintegrating monarchy (s) (3877699)

11.05 CHOICE **Black Christmas: But... Seriously** *(109653)*

12.40am FILM: Zardoz (1973) starring Sean Connery and Charlotte Rampling. Complex science-fiction epic set in the year 2293 in a world divided into a polluted wasteland inhabited by Brutals and a sealed off commune lived in by the elite. Directed by John Boorman (402677). Ends at **2.35**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.50am C.O.P.S (1684108) **10.15-10.20** Cartoon Time (7856016) **10.30** Born to Run (57409566) **12.10pm-12.20** Warner Cartoon (1393498) **2.20** The Entertainers (92729382) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (3387063) **3.30** Journey Back to Oz (575784) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (5843504) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (622295) **12.25am** Cisco Pike (809431) **2.10** Rough Cut (700528) **4.00-5.55** The 1994 World Music Awards (272851)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.50 Scooby Doo - Where are You? (1684108) **10.15-10.20** Cartoon Time (7856016) **1.55** Disney's My Town (2729672) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (3387063) **3.30** The Shaggy DA (575784) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games and Videos (5843504) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (622295) **12.25am** Youngblood (156851) **2.25** Secret Places (374162) **4.15** The Twelve Tasks of Asterix (9498898) **5.40-5.55** Cartoon Time (6945257)

GRANADA

As London except: 10.15-10.20 Cartoon Time (7856016) **10.30-12.20** Eye On The Sparrow (15574189) **12.55** Shortland Street (8605276) **1.25** Home and Away (53099092) **1.55** Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman (2729672) **2.50-3.20** Gardeners' Diary (3387063) **5.10-5.40** Take the High Road (5843504) **6.25** Granada Tonight Special (382634) **6.50** Kick Off (152740) **7.00-7.30** Catchphrase (9837) **12.25am** Cisco Pike (809431) **2.10** Rough Cut (700528) **4.00-5.55** The 1994 World Music Awards (272851)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.25 Scooby Doo - Where are You? (8858672) **9.50** C.O.P.S (1684108) **10.15-10.20** Cartoon Time (7856016) **10.30-12.20** Warlords of Atlantis (15574189) **1.55** Take the High Road (80530721) **2.25-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (3373479) **3.30** Journey Back to Oz (575784) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (5843504) **5.55** Home and Away (950818) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (622295) **12.25am** Cisco Pike (809431) **2.10** Rough Cut (700528) **4.00-5.55** World Music Awards (272851)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (622295) **10.20-12.25pm** Wild Justice (65627547)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.50am C.O.P.S (1684108) **10.15-10.20** Warner Cartoon (7856016) **10.30** Disney's Born to Run (57409566) **12.10pm-12.20** Warner Cartoon (1393498) **1.55** A Country Practice (35108837) **2.20** Heirloom (92729382) **2.50-3.20** Take the High Road (3387063) **3.30** Journey Back to Oz (575784) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (5843504) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (17479) **12.25am** Lone Wolf McQuade (156851) **2.25** Frankenstein (374162) **4.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (31870) **4.45** One to One (18886528) **5.10** Music Box Profile (6778035) **5.25-5.55** Freescreen (3233509)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.50 C.O.P.S (1684108) **10.15-10.20** Cartoon Time (7856016). **10.30** Disney's Born to Run (57409566) **12.10pm-12.20** Sylvester (1393498) **1.55-3.20** Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman (9527158) **3.30** Journey Back to Oz (575784) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (5843504) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (17479) **12.25am** Cisco Pike (809431) **2.10** Rough Cut (700528) **4.00-5.55** The 1994 World Music Awards (272851)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.50 C.O.P.S (1684108) **10.15-10.20** Cartoon Time (7856016) **10.30** Stanley the Ugly Duckling (84853) **11.00** Bigfoot Strikes Again (1599382) **12.05pm-12.20** Cartoon Time (9383011) **1.55** A Country Practice (35108837) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (3393856) **3.30** Journey Back to Oz (575784) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (5843504) **5.55** Calendar (622160) **6.30-7.00** Cryer's Crackers (301) **12.25am** Cisco Pike (809431) **2.10** Family Sins (524865) **3.55** Jobfinder (5062108) **4.40-5.55** Stunts Unlimited (6810829)

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Starts: 7.05 Stunt Dawgs (9236566) **7.35** Prostars (8801030) **8.00** The Big Breakfast (92721) **10.00** Space Cats (71568) **10.30** Batman (2573127) **10.55** Terrytoons (2650672) **11.05** The Adventures Of Tin Tin (9906769) **11.30** Kelly (4363) **12.00pm** If Wishes Were Horses (73547) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (23030) **1.00** Super Trolls (31108) **1.30** The Kid From Brooklyn (58699) **3.00** Sean Connery: A Profile (40909547) **4.35** Saved By The Bell: The College Years (8824769) **5.05** Wet Wet Wet - Live At The Royal Albert Hall (5080721) **6.00** Newyddion 6/ News (658189) **6.10** 5 Pump Cylnwy Cap a Chwip (705063) **7.00** Mas O Diwn (7479) **7.30** Cein Gwlad O (27269) **8.30** Newyddion/News (586740) **8.45** Teuluoedd Y Byd (586363) **9.00** Arolwg Y Flwyddyn (3363) **10.00** Brookside (991585) **10.35** Cheers (608092) **11.05** Rory Bremner's Christmas Turkey (480214) **12.05am** Beadsass TV (7987899) **12.40** Zardoz (402677)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat Show (31679108) **8.45** Cartoons (5358905) **8.30** Card Sharks (54924) **10.00** Concentration (1313030) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (7823011) **10.30** Candid Camera (17905) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (71740) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (31585) **12.30pm** E Street (58740) **1.00** St Elsewhere (53295) **2.00** The Far Pavilions (54585) **3.00** The Dukes of Hazzard (3646856) **3.50** DJ Kat Show (5921924) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8740) **6.00** Gamesworld (4853) **6.30** Blockbusters (5905) **7.00** E Street (6769) **7.30** M*A*S*H (1189) **8.00** Andrew Newton (2189) **8.30** Coppers (4924) **9.00** Sightings (85818) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (88905) **11.00** David Letterman (648301) **11.45** Chances (554127) **12.45am** Barney Miller (69239) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (93122)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (7549547) **9.30** Worldwide Report (67276) **10.30** ABC Nightline (15547) **11.00** News and Business (82479) **11.30** Year in Review — Entertainment (68108) **1.30pm** CBS News (45566) **2.30** Travel Destinations (83479) **3.30** Special Report (6011) **4.00** News and Business (2818) **4.30** Year in Review — USA (4030) **5.00** Live at Five (8382) **6.30** Talkback (3547) **7.30** Year in Review — Entertainment (2059) **8.00** News and Business (3059) **8.30** Year in Review — USA (81856) **9.30** *Financial Times* Reports (43818) **11.30** CBS News (40382) **12.30am** ABC News (44431) **1.30** Talkback Replay (54893) **2.30** *Financial Times* Reports (36851) **3.30** Special Report (48696) **4.30** CBS News (25696) **5.30** ABC News (87404)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (6959566) **10.00 The Only Game In Town** (1969) (69856) **12.00 The Perfectionist** (1986) (63382) **1.50pm Switching Parents** (1993) (48992653) **3.30 The Poseidon Adventure** (1972) (43547) **5.30 The Great Gatsby** (1974) (846943) **8.00 The Price of Vengeance** (1993) (38339585) **10.10 Cliffhanger** (1993) (898498) **12.05am Rapid Fire** (1992) (890870) **1.45 Blindsided** (1993) (372615) **3.15 Scorchers** (1990) (5895431) **4.40-6.00 Switching Parents** (1993) As 1.50pm (6019257)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971) (86585) **8.00 Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?** (1962) (80428924) **10.15-12.00 The Border** (1982): Starring Jack Nicholson (332769)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Last Holiday (1950) (86363) **8.00 The Pied Piper of Hamelin** Cartoon adaptation (5738818) **8.55 Little Heroes** Children's drama (1996301) **10.20 Keep Your Seats Please** (1936) (4822363) **11.50 Carmen Jones** (1954) (35128189) **1.40pm Breathing Lessons** (1993) (20475672) **3.20 The New Adventures of Robin Hood:** Cartoon (5536517) **4.20 The Magic Snowman** (8967905) **5.50 Lifeline to Victory** (1993) (86010924) **7.30 The Movie Show** (7127) **8.00 Last Action Hero** (1993) (36337108) **10.10 Trouble Bound** (1992) (155672) **12.00 Last Action Hero** (1993) As 8pm (50282696) **2.15am Back to the Streets of San Francisco** (1992) (769306) **3.50-6.00 Highway to Hell** (1992) (37038122)

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SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (4850127) **7.15** WWF Action Zone (120059) **8.15** Soccer News (7757537) **8.30** Fishing (20565) **9.00** Rugby Union (11818) **9.30** NBA Basketball (54479) **11.30** Get Your Handicap Down (42295) **12.30pm** UK's Strongest Man (47740) **2.00** World Darts, Live (332450) **5.00** NBA Action (8905) **5.30** World Soccer (9740) **6.00** Soccer Weekend (59566) **7.00** Cricket Preview (481030) **9.30** Andy Gray (43924) **10.30** World Soccer (41059) **11.00** Soccer Weekend (49473) **12.00-2.30am** Cricket Preview (445493)

SKY SPORTS 2

6.00am World Sport Special (3709214) **6.30** Cycling (3790566) **7.00** World Darts, Live (6696092) **10.00** Golf Special. 1995 Ryder Cup (7049547) **11.00** Cycling (9008672) **11.30-12.00** World Sport Special (4919382)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (99978) **8.00** Alpine Skiing (89295) **10.00** Freestyle Skiing (20030) **11.00** Alpine Skiing (14269) **12.30pm** Ski Jumping (60740) **2.30** Equestrianism (14363) **3.30** Rally Raid (25214) **4.30** Alpine Skiing (70943) **5.30** Ski Jumping (82498) **6.30** Eurosport News (5301) **7.00** Formula One (49437) **9.00** Boxing (30382) **10.00** Wrestling (40769) **11.00** Snooker Tricks (38059) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (96677)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (1450924) **8.30** Peyton Place (1459295) **9.00** As the World Turns (8524214) **10.00** Guiding Light (8706276) **11.00-12.00** Another World (8719740)



Arnie stars in the *Last Action Hero* (Movie Channel, 8.00pm)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Discover Your World (1453011) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (7012740) **1.00** Dive — Pennekamp (8720856) **1.30** Cooking in America (7011011) **2.00** Ski Perfect (4635363) **2.30** Round Trip — New Zealand (3708565) **3.00** Discover Your World (4654498) **3.30** The Way of Life (3703030) **4.00** Sky Travel Guide Review (3799837) **4.30** Kids Down Under (3789721) **5.00** Round Trip — New Zealand (4659943) **5.30-6.00** Cooking in America (3702301)

TLC

9.00am The Joy of Painting (3326189) **9.30** Madeleine Cooks (4219769) **10.00** Amanda and Friends (6143566) **10.30** Only Human (7513905) **11.30** The Buzz (6815363) **12.00** Sweet Talking (3339653) **12.30pm** Autism (4213585) **1.00** Madeleine Cooks (3310986) **1.30** The Joy of Painting (4212856) **2.00** Parents Talking (6597295) **2.30** Discovering Psychology (4939856) **3.00** Gardens Without Borders (6509030) **3.30-4.00** The Secret Life of Machines (4934301)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (5916283) **7.30** Neighbours (7110158) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (3338924) **8.30** EastEnders (3337295) **9.00** The Bill (3328547) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (6807011) **10.30** Casualty (46509856) **11.35** The Sullivans (11921127) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (3331011) **12.30pm** Neighbours (4215943) **1.00** EastEnders (1510914) **1.30** The Bill (4214214) **2.00** Dear John (6599653) **2.30** Just Good Friends (4931214) **3.00** Knots Landing (6828837) **4.00** Dynasty (6830672) **5.00** Every Second Counts (8202769) **5.35** Top of the Pops (8317566) **5.55** Terry and June (6903160) **6.30** EastEnders (4923295) **7.00** Dear John (6500769) **7.30** And Mother Makes Five (4929479) **8.00** Rumpole of the Bailey (5742566) **9.00** Casualty (5765030) **10.00** The Bill (3332740) **10.30** Top of the Pops (68475498) **11.40** Carrott Confidential (6680059) **12.20am** Dr Who (2441667) **12.50** FILM: The Haunted House of Horror (1969) (83117412) **2.15** Shopping at Night

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Best of Droibee Time (64059) **7.00** Ratkan III (5874498) **7.15** Head to Head in 3D (3868011) **7.25** Garfield and Friends (7933905) **7.55** Saved by the Bell (6588160) **8.30** Super Mario Brothers (62566) **9.00** Zoo (9298498) **9.15** Cult Cartoons (8407672) **10.00** Swamp Thing (88653) **10.30** Round the Twist (75030) **11.00** Eek the Cat (59943) **11.30** Beakman's World (50672) **12.00** Sum Dawgs (65382) **12.30pm** Bots Master (63547) **1.00** Babysitters Club (24943) **1.30** Degrassi Junior High (82818) **2.00** Ghostbusters (7295) **2.30** SuperDave (5566) **3.00** Tic Tac Toons (8527127) **3.15** Bobby's World (760566) **3.45** Head to Head in 3D (3850672) **4.00** The Bots Master (6818) **4.30-5.00** Saved by the Bell (6030)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nick's Christmas Cracker (25585) **7.30** Denver the Last Dinosaur (7761382) **7.45** Rugrats (7768837) **8.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (29837) **8.30** Rocko's Modern Life (28108) **9.00** Nick's Christmas Pick (17360) **9.30** Clarissa (61301) **10.00** Grimmy (95856) **10.30** Carmen San Diego (31672) **11.00** Killer Tomatoes (99547) **11.30** Ren and Stimpy (90276) **12.00** Pee-Wee (22324) **12.30pm** Galaxy High School (49189) **1.00** Doug (24856) **1.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (31160) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (5295) **2.30** The New Adventures of Speed Racer (3566) **3.00** Carmen San Diego (7030) **3.30** Hey Dude! (6011) **4.00** Nick's Christmas Pick (4818) **4.30** Doug (6030) **5.00** Clarissa (8382) **6.00** Grimmy (4295) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (5547)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Which Sex? (4920108) **4.30** Wild South (4919092) **5.00** The Wonderful World of Dogs (6580382) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (4298276) **7.00** The Trainer Wars (5724160) **8.00** Deep Probe Expeditions (5740108) **9.00** Treasure Islands (6834498) **9.30** High Five (4293721) **10.00** Into the Unknown. The Missing Apeman (3330382) **10.30** Ambulance! (3349030) **11.00-12.00** Wings of the Red Star (6665063)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Don't Ever Leave Me (1949) (8150856) **2.00pm** The Avengers (8131721) **3.00** My Three Sons (6503856) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (4938127) **4.00** FILM: Take Me High (1973) (8507672) **6.00** The Protectors (4927011) **6.30** Edgar Wallace (4732276) **7.30** Saber of London (4914547) **8.00** The Avengers (5737634) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (5757498) **10.00-12.00** FILM. The Veil (1958) (6812276)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (2673214) **7.00** Living (8271924) **8.00** OK2 Talk Feelings (1863276) **8.15** Everyday Yoga (1886127) **8.30** The Truth About Women (2117634) **9.00** Floyd (7678634) **9.35** Definition (5479498) **10.00** Trivia Trap (9113301) **10.30** Susan Powter (2137498) **11.00** Young and Restless (8289108) **12.00** Fashion Show (1720030) **12.35pm** Kilroy (9023585) **1.30** Going to Pot (7111905) **2.00** Agony Hour (9114030) **3.00** Living (7931382) **3.45** Gladrags (17255030) **4.00** Infatuation UK (5501011) **4.30** Definition (18535108) **4.55** Eating Out (4678030) **5.30** Kate and Allie (5598547) **6.00** Material World (5586160) **6.30** Mr and Mrs (5502740) **7.00** Living (9957924) **8.00** Young and Restless (9966672) **9.00** FILM. Double Standards (1988) (6054632) **11.00** Susan Powter (1307856) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (9119585)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Tintin (8547) **5.30** Blade Warriors (75059) **6.30** Through The Keyhole (7547) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (1011) **7.30** The Wonder Years (6059) **8.00** Road to Avonlea (50160) **9.00** Moonlighting (70924) **10.00** Catchphrase (67011) **10.30** Tintin (83059) **11.00** Lou Grant (66832) **12.00** Rhoda (27561) **12.30pm** Big Brother Jake (98561) **1.00** GP (79896) **2.00** Moonlighting (67073) **3.00** Lou Grant (50632) **4.00** Rhoda (17431) **4.30-5.00** Big Brother Jake (58696)

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5.00am Awake on the Wildside (91388) **6.30** The Grind (72289) **7.00** Awake on the Wildside (37194) **8.00** VJ Ingo (518943) **11.00** Soul (22585) **12.00** Greatest Hits (97740) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (372818) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (9765045) **3.45** Cinematic (8210950) **4.00** News (6600769) **4.15** 3 from 1 (6683092) **4.30** Dial MTV (7160) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (81363) **6.30** Live! (9905) **7.00** Greatest Hits (93498) **8.00** The Real World 2 (8924) **9.00** The Worst of Most Wanted (48837) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (72759) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (395634) **10.15** Cinematic (390189) **10.30** News (141363) **10.45** 3 from 1 (146818) **11.00** Party Zone (20301) **1.00am** Soul (78054) **2.00** The Grind (98239) **2.30** Night Videos (7180832)

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7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (8729127) **9.00** Cafe (8101634) **12.00** The Bridge (3161818) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (9511566) **2.30** Heart and Soul (9269634) **3.30** Into the Music (4495063) **6.00** Prime Cuts (7006189) **7.00** VH-1 for You Xmas Special (7046634) **8.00** Soul (7055382) **9.00** Ten of the Best (7042818) **10.00** Saturday Night Live (1463498) **10.30** Old Grey Whistle Test (1449818) **11.00** Around and Around (8709363) **12.00** The Nightfly (8724764) **4.00am** Ten of the Best (9019702) **5.00-7.00** Dawn Patrol

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TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (51595) **7.00** Asian Morning (94498) **8.30** Bunyaad (59092) **9.00** Hindi FILM (236837) **12.00** Ghar (99108) **1.00pm** Serial: Dasht (53176) **2.00** Hindi FILM. Hani Mere Saathi (150943) **5.00** TVA and You (8301) **5.30-6.00** Bunyaad (3106) **7.00** Zabaan Sambhal Ke (9011) **7.30** Fashion Show (4059) **8.00** News (5059) **8.30** Waqt (4566) **9.00** Hindi FILM. Khiladi (987924) **12.00** Asian Morning (580054) **1.35am** Sight and Sound (31147764)

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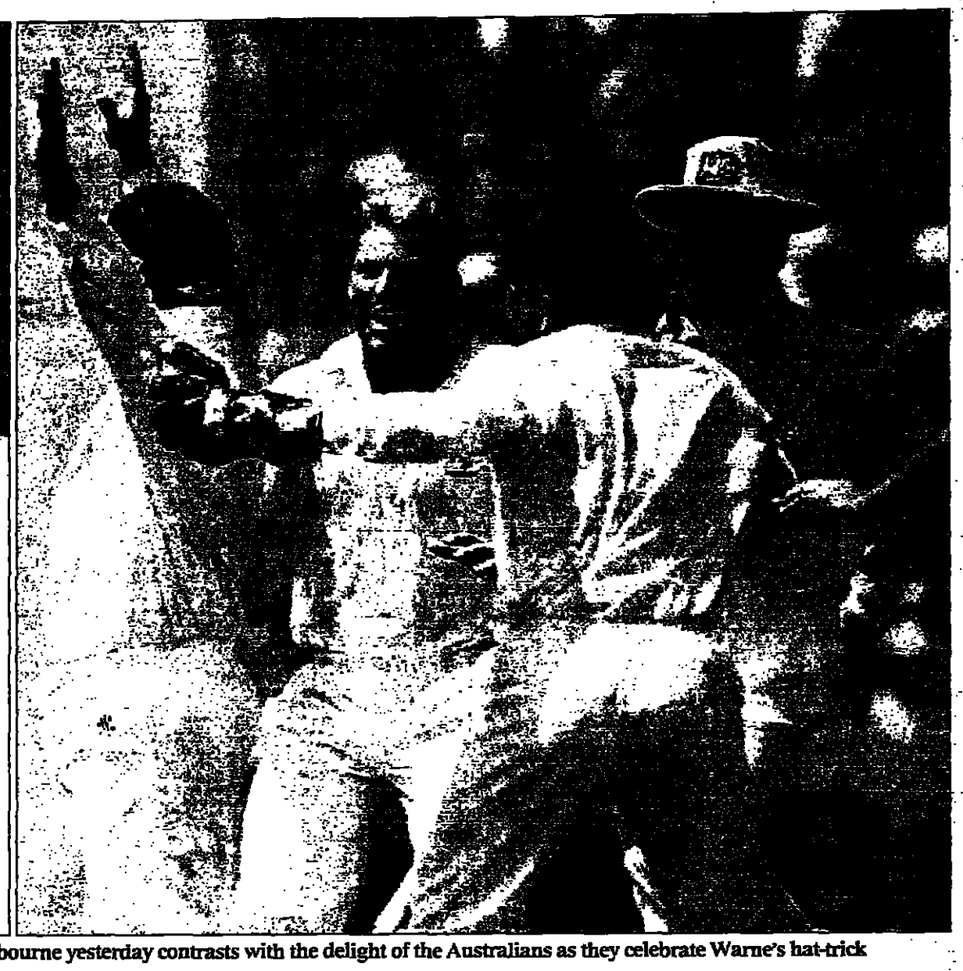
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FRIDAY DECEMBER 30 1994

Warne's hat-trick hurries Australia to victory and reduces Atherton's side to new low

England surrender without a fight





Atherton's dejection after England's crushing defeat in Melbourne yesterday contrasts with the delight of the Australians as they celebrate Warne's hat-trick

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN MELBOURNE

THE Ashes may not exert quite their old dominance over an expanding global game but, to an Englishman, they remain the essential gauge of cricket's national health. After the shattering events of yesterday morning, the present England team can be assessed as in the worst condition of any this century.

Statistically, it is close to being fact. Neither England nor Australia has won four series in succession since 1902. That achievement is now surely reserved for Mark Taylor's team, which will retain the Ashes, held since 1989, providing it is not beaten next week in Sydney. Such a contingency seems laughable.

It is not the bare results that condemn England so much as *the moods and margins. There* is no residue of belief that this opposition can be beaten, simply a cowering resignation. England are no longer just losing to Australia, they are habitually being annihilated. Their defeat yesterday was by 295 runs, a humiliating figure, yet such has been the pattern of recent Ashes Tests that no great surprise was expressed, either by those who played or those who watched.

If Shane Warne had not done the hat-trick, indeed, lack of interest would have been the primary emotion of the people of Melbourne over a game that began with the rare promise of a competitive edge yet ended with a barting collapse remarkable even by recent English standards.

It took them 56 minutes, and 12.5 overs, to lose their remaining six wickets, the last five tumbling for four runs and the last four for one. In being dismissed for 92, England made their first total below 100 against Australia since the Centenary Test of 1977 and their lowest score against them since 1958-59.

Both previous games, strangely, were also played at Melbourne and it is poignant that the side of 36 years ago, bowled out here for 87, was captained by Peter May, who died this week. Sadly, it would not have surprised May to learn of the depths to which this team has sunk. Like the chairman of selectors who preceded him and the two who have succeeded him, May preached reform of the domestic system and the counties, heads firmly in the sand, chose to ignore him.

Only those as myopic as certain county officials could possibly have believed England might bat through the last day here without help from the weather. When the morning dawned bright and blue and Mike Gatting was out to the second ball of the first over, unable to cope with excessive bounce from this deceitful surface, those planning a decent lunch were reassured there would be no need to hurry back.

The sheer scale of the slide, however, was something to behold, especially when it is considered that the next ten overs were occupied by a sixth-wicket partnership between Steven Rhodes and Alec Stewart that at least made some pretence at defiance.

According to the team manager, Keith Fletcher, the previous evening, Stewart would only bat if there was a serious prospect of saving the game, for another blow on his broken finger could extend his absence to months rather than weeks. But Michael Atherton, the captain, saw it differently. "I don't like to see us lie down and die," he explained.

So Stewart batted, courageously but clearly in pain, and witnessed the dramatic surrender from the non-striker's end. It began when Craig McDermott, whose bowling here and in Brisbane has been almost as influential as Warne's, had Rhodes caught at second slip in his sixth over of the day and ended when he dismissed Philip Tufnell in his seventh. But it was the over in between that gave the game a surreal air.

Hat-tricks in Test cricket are rare and nobody had taken one in an England-Australia game since Hugh Trumble, also at Melbourne, in the 1903-04 series. But the way things are right now, it was a certainty that Warne would put that right. As, most unusually, he had taken none of the first six England wickets to fall, here was the ideal opportunity.

It came with the last three balls of an over, which was a shame for him as he might have needed only one ball at Tufnell to make it four in four. The cast list — DeFreitas, Gough and Malcolm — is undistinguished and resistance was negligible but that did not bother Warne.

DeFreitas was leg-before on the back foot to one that kept low and hurried on and Gough was caught behind off a looping leg break. As Malcolm trudged out, Warne went across to Damien Fleming, who took a hat-trick on his Test debut in Pakistan in October. "I asked him what I should do," Warne said. "He said he just closed his eyes and bowled his stock ball, so I did the same."

Malcolm, groping blindly, nudged the ball low to the right of short leg, where David Boon plunged for a fine catch before being enveloped by a joyful Warne. The leg spinner has now taken 20 wickets for 190 in the first two Tests of this series and Jim Laker's Ashes record of 46, set in 1956, is no longer safe. "I suppose I'll wake up soon," Warne said.

The entire England team would wish to wake up and discover they have been suffering one long nightmare. The reality hardly bears contemplation. Not yet at the midway point of a series they began with high ambition, their cause is lost in all but mathematical terms. Even Atherton admits as much. "It's hard to see us coming back from this," he said during a press conference that lasted as long as England's batting yesterday. "In my time against Australia, we have struggled to bowl them out but now we are not getting the scores either. If we are going to compete, we have to start making runs."

It would be comforting to think he believed it possible, to think that this tour could be lifted by an event as startling as the victory in Barbados last April. But Atherton is aware there are no grounds for such optimism. This Test has led England further into the wilderness and there is still no sign that their cries for help will be heeded.

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ENGLAND'S LOSING SEQUENCE

England have lost 14 of their last 21 Test matches against Australia and won only one.

1987-88		
Sydney	lost by 55 runs	
Sydney	match drawn	
1989		
Headingley	lost by 210 runs	
Lord's	lost by 6 wickets	
Edgbaston	match drawn	
Old Trafford	lost by 9 wickets	
Trent Bridge	lost by inn and 180 runs	
The Oval	match drawn	
1990-91		
Brisbane	lost by 10 wickets	
Melbourne	lost by 8 wickets	
Sydney	match drawn	
Adelaide	match drawn	
Perth	lost by 9 wickets	
1993		
Old Trafford	lost by 179 runs	
Lord's	lost by inn and 62 runs	
Trent Bridge	match drawn	
Headingley	lost by inn and 148 runs	
Edgbaston	lost by 8 wickets	
The Oval	won by 161 runs	
1994		
Brisbane	lost by 184 runs	
Melbourne	lost by 295 runs	

Critics pitch in to add to English demise

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ENGLAND'S humiliating defeat in Melbourne yesterday brought a predictable stream of criticism.

Fred Trueman, the former England fast bowler, blamed the structure of English cricket for the team's demise in Australia, believing the problems will not be solved at Test level until proper financial rewards are offered. "We have allowed players with great ability, great knowledge of the game, to wander into the wilderness because we have not been willing to pay to keep their cricketing brains within the structure," Trueman said.

Trueman thought Michael Atherton too inexperienced to have been made England captain. "Michael is one of the nicest guys you could meet. But he was never even captain of his county. He captained Cambridge University but so what? Captaining England is one of the biggest jobs in sport."

Denis Compton, one of England's finest batsmen, described the team as "a disgrace to the nation" and lacking "the guts to win back the Ashes". While full of praise for Shane Warne — "a very great bowler who would have starred in any generation" — Compton said England's batsmen had given away their wickets by being bowled round their legs and getting out to terrible shots.

Richie Benaud, the former captain of Australia, offered some comfort to England. He acknowledged that Australia were "streets *ahead" of England* but he had "never seen as many illnesses and injuries beset a touring side. They have had no luck at all."

However, Keith Stackpole, the former Australian batsman, said: "Unless I'd seen it I wouldn't have believed it. None of the England teams I played against gave you a run or a wicket. This team seems to have no spirit. It is sad to see."

Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, also praised Warne. "Once he gets a wicket, Shane is like the best West Indian fast bowlers. He's all over you and makes it tough when you first come in."



Shane Warne's hat-trick was the first in England v Australia Test matches since the off spinner, Hugh Trumble (above), dismissed Bosanquet, Warner and Lilley in the fifth Test in March 1904. England lost by 218 runs.

F R Spofforth (A)	Melbourne	1878-9
W Bates (E)	Melbourne	1882-3
J Briggs (E)	Sydney	1891-2
J T Hearne (E)	*Headingley*	*1899*
H Trumble (A)	Melbourne	1901-2
H Trumble (A)	Melbourne	1903-4
S K Warne (A)	Melbourne	1994-5

FULL SCOREBOARD FROM MELBOURNE

England won toss

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

M J Slater run out (DeFreitas/Gatting) .... 3 (26min, 19 balls)
*M A Taylor lbw b DeFreitas .... 9 (73min, 41 balls, 1 four)
D C Boon c Hick b Tufnell .... 41 (149min, 100 balls, 4 fours)
M E Waugh c Thorpe b DeFreitas 71 (219min, 155 balls, 3 fours)
M G Bevan c Atherton b Gough .. 3 (28min, 23 balls)
S R Waugh not out .... 94 (366min, 191 balls, 5 fours)
† A Healy c Rhodes b Tufnell .... 17 (59min, 42 balls, 1 four)
S K Warne c Hick b Gough .... 6 (27min, 25 balls)
T B A May lbw b Gough .... 9 (51min, 31 balls)
C J McDermott b Gough .... 0 (2min, 3 balls)
D W Fleming c Hick b Malcolm 16 (33min, 19 balls, 2 fours)
Extras (lb 7, nb 3) 10
Total (107.3 overs, 471 min) 279

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-39, 3-91, 4-100, 5-171, 6-208, 7-220, 8-242, 9-242.

BOWLING: Malcolm 28.3-4-78-1; DeFreitas 23-4-66-2, Gough 26-9-60-4; Tufnell 28-7-59-2; Hick 2-0-9-0.

Second Innings

*M A Taylor lbw b Gough .... 19 (81min, 64 balls, 1 four)
M J Slater st Rhodes b Tufnell .. 44 (121min, 74 balls, 5 fours)
D C Boon lbw b DeFreitas .... 131 (378min, 277 balls, 14 fours)
M E Waugh c and b Gough .... 29 (128min, 82 balls, 1 four)
M G Bevan c sub (J P Crawley) b Tufnell .... 35 (189min, 134 balls, 1 four)
S R Waugh not out .... 26 (93min, 73 balls)
† A Healy c Thorpe b Tufnell . 17 (82min, 38 balls, 1 four)
S K Warne c DeFreitas b Gough .. 0 (3min, 2 balls)
C J McDermott not out .... 2 (6min, 7 balls)
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 1, nb 6) 17
Total (7 dec, 124 overs, 533min) 320

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-81, 3-157, 4-269, 5-275, 6-316, 7-317.

BOWLING: Malcolm 22-3-86-0; DeFreitas 26-2-70-1; Tufnell 48-8-90-3; Gough 25-6-59-3; Hick 3-2-5-0

ENGLAND: First Innings

*M A Atherton lbw b Warne .... 44 (200min, 156 balls, 4 fours)
A J Stewart c and b Warne .... 16 (52min, 26 balls, 3 fours)
G A Hick c Healy b McDermott .. 23 (44min, 34 balls, 3 fours)
G P Thorpe c M E Waugh b Warne 51 (150min, 117 balls, 5 fours)
G A Gooch c and b McDermott .. 15 (67min, 52 balls, 1 four)
M W Gatting c S R Waugh b Warne 9 (23min, 24 balls)
D Gough c Healy b McDermott . 20 (66min, 51 balls, 3 fours)
†S J Rhodes c M E Waugh b Warne 0 (13min, 11 balls)
P A J DeFreitas st Healy b Warne 14 (24min, 19 balls, 2 fours)
D E Malcolm not out .... 11 (25min, 13 balls, 2 fours)
P C R Tufnell run out (Taylor/Healy) 0 (7min, 4 balls)
Extras (lb 7, nb 2) 9
Total (83.4 overs, 340min) 212

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-119, 3-124, 4-140, 5-148, 6-151, 7-185, 8-189, 9-207.

BOWLING: McDermott 24-6-72-3; Fleming 11-5-30-0; M E Waugh 3-1-11-0; Warne 27.4-8-64-6; May 18-5-28-0.

Second Innings

G A Gooch c Healy b Fleming .... 2 (3min, 6 balls)
*M A Atherton c Healy b McDermott .... 25 (73min, 43 balls, 4 fours)
G A Hick b Fleming .... 2 (9min, 6 balls)
G P Thorpe c Healy b McDermott 9 (22min, 20 balls, 1 four)
M W Gatting c Taylor b McDermott 25 (86min, 72 balls, 2 fours)
†S J Rhodes c M E Waugh b McDermott .... 16 (93min, 72 balls)
A J Stewart not out .... 8 (54min, 29 balls)
P A J DeFreitas lbw b Warne .... 0 (4min, 4 balls)
D Gough c Healy b Warne .... 0 (1min, 1 ball)
D E Malcolm c Boon b Warne .... 0 (2min, 1 ball)
P C R Tufnell c Healy b McDermott 0 (4min, 4 balls)
Extras (lb 2, nb 3) 5
Total (42.5 overs, 184min) 92

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3 (Atherton 1), 2-10 (Atherton 5), 3-23 (Atherton 9), 4-43 (Gatting 1), 5-81 (Rhodes 13), 6-86 (Stewart 4), 7-91 (Stewart 7), 8-91 (Stewart 7), 9-91 (Stewart 7).

BOWLING: McDermott 16.5-5-42-5 (nb 3; 10-2-32-2, 6.5-3-10-3); Fleming 9-1-24-2 (6-1-15-2; 3-0-9-0); Warne 13-6-16-3 (5-1-11-0; 2-0-2-0; 6-5-3-3); May 4-1-8-0 (one spell)

Umpires: S A Bucknor (West Indies) and S G Randell (Australia).

TV replay umpire: W P Sheahan.

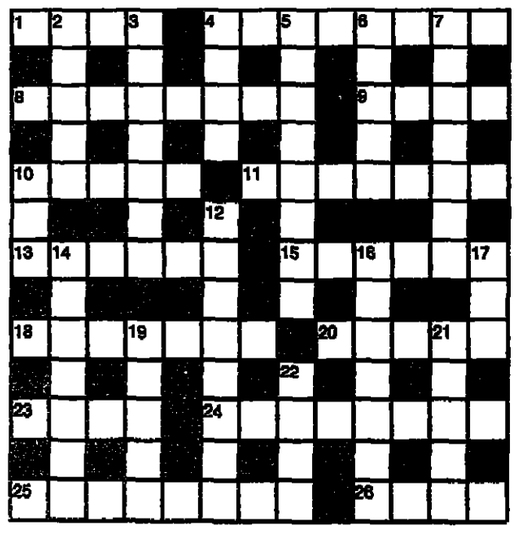
Match referee: J R Reid (New Zealand).

Australia won by 295 runs.

PREVIOUS MATCH: first Test (Brisbane): Australia won by 184 runs.

MATCHES TO COME: third Test: Sydney (January 1 to 5); fourth Test: Adelaide (January 26 to 30); fifth Test: Perth (February 3 to 7).

☐ *Compiled by Bill Frindall*



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4 Terrifying (8)
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9 Facial pimples (4)
10 Gastropod mollusc; slow mover (5)
11 Vehicle frame (7)
13 Dazed and unsteady (6)
15 Not very long ago (6)
18 Gravel/bitumen road surfacing (7)
20 Business end of knife (5)
23 Arm or leg (4)
24 Hat; royal castle (8)
25 Sailor's receptacle (5-3)
26 Paving-stone (4)

DOWN

2 Fruit; proverbial answer (5)
3 Brent, Barnacle, or Canada *young (7)*
4 Cloth with emblem flown on pole (4)
5 In no special place (8)
6 Remains; corsets (5)
7 Grand house (7)
10 Droop (3)
12 Sweet creamy dessert (8)
14 *William Tell* composer (7)
16 Cancel; order (attackers) to stop (4,3)
17 Neckwear (3)
19 Monk's costume (5)
21 Girl; Roman goddess of *hunt, moon* (5)
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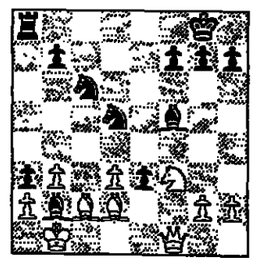
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Gonssiorovski - Alekhine, Odessa 1918. Alekhine, Black to play, capped a fine attacking performance by announcing mate in three moves. Can you see how?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

JUNGLI
a. A boy dancer
b. A jungle dweller
c. A *precious trinket*

NAIO
a. An affected girl
b. A military organisation
c. An evergreen tree

NAGSMAN
a. A skilled horseman
b. A downtrodden person
c. A party whip

JITO
a. A nervous person
b. An elaborate waistcoat
c. A land steward

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